**Priority Legislation List**

**Agency Admin**

**SB416 by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton & Rep. Anthony Moore** exempts the lease of office space or real property subject to supervision of the Commissioners of the Land Office, institutions comprising The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, or district boards of education from procedures for disposal and lease of real property specified.

Update: Assigned to General Government Committee Passed 11-0 on 2/16. Passed off the Senate floor 44-2 on 3/13.

**HB1935 by Rep. Charles McCall & Sen. Julie Daniels** creates the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit Act. It provides refundable tax credits to students not participating in public education, in amounts of $5,000 per child for private school attendance and $2,500 for homeschool attendance.

Update: Assigned to Public Safety Committee Introduced to Senate

**HB2775 by Rep. Charles McCall & Sen. Shane Jett** appropriates a total of $500 Million to the State Department of Education (SDE) for purposes of distribution to the various public school districts of the state for common education and the funding of a $2,500 active classroom teacher raise.

Update: Assigned to Public Safety Committee Introduced to Senate

**SB101 by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton & Rep. Dick Lowe** appropriates $20 million for them FY2024 General Revenue Fund to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management to be deposited in the Oklahoma School Security Revolving Fund to administer the Oklahoma School Security Grant Program. The bill requires 85 percent of the funds be used to provide Oklahoma School Security Grant Program grants to public schools, technology center schools, and private schools and for 15 percent to be used to provide Oklahoma School Security Grant Program grants to institutions of higher learning.

Update: Assigned to Appropriations Committee Passed off the Senate Floor 45-0 on 3/13.

**HJR1030 by Rep. Chad Caldwell** proposes a vote of the people on a constitutional amendment that makes the Superintendent of Public Instruction an appointee of the Governor beginning with the term of office of the Governor that is to start in 2030. It would make the Superintendent serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Update: Assigned to H Rules Committee Dormant

**HJR1037 by Rep. Jon Echol**  proposes a vote of the people on a legislative referendum that would create the School Choice Act of 2023.

Update: Assigned to H Rules Committee Dormant

**HB2673 by Rep. Rhonda Baker & Sen. Adam Pugh** beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, the statewide student assessment system to include a retest of the nationally recognized college- and career-readiness assessment administered pursuant to subparagraph b of paragraph 2 of this subsection, or nationally recognized, portable career-readiness assessments that lead to a National Career Readiness Certificate. It requires the assessments be available for students in the fall semester of their twelfth grade year and be administered at no cost to students.

Update: Assigned to H Common Education Committee Passed 11-0 on 2/21. Passed off the House Floor 88-6 on 3/8.

**HB2675 by Rep. Rhonda Baker & Sen. Brenda Stanley** creates until Nov. 1, 2024, a task force to study and make recommendations to modernize the high school graduation requirements in Oklahoma. The bill establishes membership and meeting requirements. It requires the task force submit a report of its findings and recommendations by Nov. 1, 2024, to the Governor, House Speaker and Senate President Pro Tempore.

Update: Assigned to H Common Education Committee Passed 10-0 on 2/14. Passed off the House Floor 91-3 on 3/8

**HJR1034 by Rep. Kevin West**  proposes a vote of the people on a constitutional amendment that would prevent infringement of the fundamental right of a citizen to keep and to bear arms. It would not prevent the Legislature from adopting regulations that serve a narrowly tailored compelling state interest. It would prohibit the imposition of registration or special taxation upon the keeping of or the transfer of arms, ammunition, or the components of arms or ammunition.

Update: Assigned to H Rules Committee Dormant

**SB704 by Sen. John Haste & Rep. Cynthia Roe** Modifies the membership of the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority

Update: Assigned to Health & Human Services Committee Passed 11-0 on 2/9. Passed off the Senate Floor 42-4 on 3/23.

**HB1443 by Rep. Melissa Provenzano & Sen. John Michael Montgomery** Creates the Student Borrowers Bill of Rights details requirements for loan providers communication with borrowers

Update: Assigned to H Banking, Financial Services & Pensions Committee Passed 11-0 on 2/20. Passed off the House Floor 89-0 on 3/23.

**HJR1038 by Rep. John Echols**  proposes a vote of the people on a constitutional amendment that creates the Oklahoma Higher Education Law Act of 2023.

Update: Assigned to H Rules Committee Dormant

**SB316 by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton & Rep. Anthony Moore** provides a tax exemption for institutions of higher education in relation to the Oklahoma Asset Reduction and Cost Savings Program.

Update: Assigned to General Government Committee Introduced to House.

**SB363 by Sen. Adam Pugh & Rep. Anthony Moore** requires, beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, that the tuition and fee rates to be charged to students enrolled at an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education not exceed the tuition and fee rates approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Dormant

**SB365 by Sen. Adam Pugh & Rep. Mark Vancuren** clarifies language related to the State Regents for Higher Education's biennial report concerning its Advanced Placement credit policy. The bill states it is the intent of the Legislature that in establishing the minimum required score on a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examination for granting course credit for a particular lower division course, institutions of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall not require a score higher than the minimum score recommended by a nonprofit higher education association that makes recommendations on college-level equivalencies, provided the president of the institution may determine, based on evidence, that a higher score on the examination is necessary to indicate that a student is sufficiently prepared to be successful in a related, more advanced course for which the lower division course is a prerequisite

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Introduced to House.

**SB429 by Sen. John Michael Montgomery & Rep. Trey Caldwell** protects the right of any student enrolled in any school within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to wear tribal regalia at on campus or at any institution function, but allows a school to set a policy about times when items cannot be worn because the specific characteristic of the garment or item would endanger the safety of a students or others, or interfere with the learning environment if worn during a specific activity.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Passed 11-0 on 2-7. Passed off the Senate Floor 45-0 on 3/22

**SB521 by Sen. Adam Pugh & Rep. Tammy West** updates statutory language related to digital and online library database resources.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Introduced to House.

**SB840 by Sen. Greg McCortney & Rep. Jon Echols** modifies provisions in the Student Athlete Name, Image and Likeness Rights Act.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Introduced to House.

**SB86 by Sen. Chuck Hall & Rep. Anthony Moore** modifies references to the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges to also be known as the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO). The bill permits the board to issue special and limited obligations on behalf of the institutions supervised and managed by RUSO for purposes of such capital projects deemed proper. It authorizes the board to pledge any lawfully available source of revenue, other than revenue appropriated by the Legislature from tax receipts, but inclusive of revenues derived from the Oklahoma Education Lottery Act, accruing to the credit of institutions supervised and managed by RUSO to the repayment of obligations issued.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Introduced to House.

**SB875 by Sen. David Bullard & Rep. Kevin West** allows an institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to provide employees with optional training or professional development on other topics as deemed appropriate by the governing board of regents for the institution; provided, however, an employee can opt out of optional training or professional development without reprisal or retaliation from the institution. It requires the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to promulgate rules.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Passed 10-1 on 2/28. Passed off the House Floor 41-7 on 3/22.

**SB93 by Sen. Dave Rader & Rep. Anthony Moore** requires students complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to graduate from a public high school accredited by the State Board of Education. It provides for certain exemptions. The bill requires the State Department of Education develop and publish materials for students, parents, and legal guardians explaining the requirements to complete the FAFSA, the benefits to completing the FAFSA, and the opt-out provisions and an opt-out form to be used by school districts, charter schools, and virtual charter schools.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Passed 12-0 on 2/21. Passed off the Senate Floor 37-8 on 3/9

**SCR1 by Sen. Nathan Dahm &**  requires the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education submit a report to the Legislature and make the report available on its website by December 31, 2023, that includes a list of all persons employed in a faculty or teaching position including their position rank at their respective institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and their compensation during the 2021-2022 academic year; a list of the courses taught and the hours taught by persons employed in a faculty or teaching position at institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education during the 2021-2022 academic year; the tenure policy of each institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for the 2021-2022 academic year; and the number of faculty employed by each institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who had tenure during the 2021-2022 academic year.

**SB167 by Sen. John Haste & Rep. Anthony Moore** removes language that grants Northern Oklahoma College exclusive authority to offer all lower division courses and programs at the University Center at Ponca City as listed in the current college catalog of Northern Oklahoma College. It also permits the State Regents for Higher Education to offer lower division classes and programs through a branch of Northeastern State University established and located at Muskogee. It permits Oklahoma State University-Tulsa to offer lower division undergraduate courses and baccalaureate degree programs.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Passed 8-4 on 2/28. Failed 17-29 on 3/21

**SB415 by Sen. Dewayne Pemberton & Rep. Anthony Moore** provides exemption to higher education from specific provisions of the Long-Range Capital Planning Commission.

Update: Assigned to General Government Committee Introduced to House.

**HB1795 by Rep. Mike Osburn & Sen. Kristen Thompson** Creates the Sergeant CJ Nelson Legacy Act, waiving higher education fees room and board from children of Oklahoma Peace officers, firefighters, and emts who have died in the line of duty.

Update: Assigned to H Appropriations & Budget Committee Passed 14-0 on 2/13. Dormant.

**SB550 by Sen. Ally Seifried & Rep. Anthony Moore** requires private and out-of-state degree-granting institutions that operate in the state by any modality meet the same standards of academic quality and fiscal responsibility required of institutions of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and directs the State Regents to establish and collect annual fees from applicants for authorization costs, require applicants for authorization submit payment into the Tuition Recovery Revolving Fund, which is created in the bill, to offset student tuition losses in the event an authorized institution closes or ceases operations, and be authorized to deny, revoke of not review an institution's authorization if it does not meet The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education standards.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Introduced to House.

**SB485 by Sen. Roger Thompson**  exempts the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, District Attorneys Council, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector from participating in OneNet.

Update: Assigned to General Government Committee Passed 8-0 on 2/23. Dormant.

**HB2555 by Rep. Rhonda Baker & Sen. Roger Thompson** creates the Oklahoma Critical Industries Scholarship Program, a four-year pilot program to encourage high school graduates to pursue degree-seeking or certificate-seeking post-secondary education training in industries which are critical to the economic growth of the state. It requires the program to be administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, which will establish. the scholarship amounts and student eligibility for the program may vary by individual higher education institution or technology center school. It establishes minimum eligibility requirements for students.

Update: Assigned to H Appropriations & Budget, Education Committee Introduced to Senate.

**HB2718 by Rep. Ellyn Hefner & Sen. John Michael Montgomery** creates the Oklahoma's Promise Inclusive Act to provide an award to eligible students who are pursuing studies in this state at a CTP program, that will relieve students from paying nonguaranteed resident tuition at state educational institutions.

Update: Assigned to H Appropriations & Budget Committee Passed off the House Floor 89-0 on 3/22.

**HB2772 by Rep. Cyndi Munson & Sen. John Michael Montgomery** Removes references to substance abuse and delinquent acts from Oklahoma's promise agreements. Adds an agreement to refrain from commission of violent crimes.

Update: Assigned to H Appropriations & Budget Committee Dormant.

**SB11 by Sen. Dave Rader & Rep. Daniel Pae** removes the prohibition on a person incarcerated in a state, federal or private correctional facility receiving a state tuition aid grant.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Introduced to House.

**SB654 by Sen. Paul Rosino & Rep. Ty Burns** Creates the Captain Steven L. Farley Goldstar family Act Gives an undergraduate resident tuition to surviving spouses and children of a member of any branch of the united states armed forces KIA after September 11 2001

Update: Assigned to Veterans & Military Affairs Committee Introduced to House.

**HB2559 by Rep. Mark McBride & Sen. Dewayne Pemberton** Requires the regents for higher education to establish an incentive scholarship and teacher employment incentive program.

Update: Assigned to H Appropriations & Budget Committee Introduced to Senate.

**SB529 by Sen. Adam Pugh & Rep. Rhonny Johns** creates the Oklahoma Teacher Corps Program to be administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in order to help students who graduate from an approved teacher preparation degree program and agrees to teach at a school meeting certain criteria for four years.

Update: Assigned to Education Committee Introduced to House.