

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE BILL 1830

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; creating the  
8 Oklahoma Student Veteran Leave of Absence Act of  
9 2014; directing institutions of higher education to  
10 grant a leave of absence to a student who is called  
11 to active duty; providing certain options for  
12 students granted a leave of absence; providing for a  
13 maximum leave of absence; providing for a cause of  
14 action; providing for noncodification; providing for  
15 codification; providing an effective date; and  
16 declaring an emergency.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
21 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
23 Student Veteran Leave of Absence Act of 2014".

24 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3248 of Title 70, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. An institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
Education shall grant a leave of absence to a student who is a  
member of the active uniformed military services of the United

1 States and is called to active duty. The student shall be eligible  
2 to:

3 1. Withdraw from and receive a refund for any or all classes  
4 for the period of active duty service without penalty to admission  
5 status or grade point average and without loss of institutional  
6 financial aid; or

7 2. Receive an incomplete grade for any or all classes for the  
8 period of active duty status; provided, however, that the student  
9 has completed a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all class work  
10 prior to being called to active duty and the student completes all  
11 classes upon return from active duty. The student's admission  
12 status and grade point average shall not be penalized, and the  
13 student shall experience no loss of institutional financial aid.

14 B. The leave of absence granted pursuant to subsection A of  
15 this section shall not exceed a cumulative five (5) years.

16 C. If an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
17 Education fails to comply with the provisions of this act, the  
18 student may bring an action in district court for actual and  
19 compensatory damages for noncompliance and may be granted such  
20 relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

22 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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