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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: April 27, 2021

Re: SB 132

Signed: April 20, 2021

Effective: July 1, 2021

Topic: OHLAP Requirements

Summary: This Act amends OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 2605 to now require school districts to apprise fifth through eleventh grade students and their parents of the opportunity for access to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP). Districts must, on a form provided by the State Regents, designate at least one OHLAP contact person at each school site, who must be a counselor or teacher, at which eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh-grade classes are taught.

Under the Act, students who attend public schools and qualify for OHLAP prior to entering the eleventh grade or prior to reaching the age of sixteen (16) must be given the opportunity throughout their eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh-grade years, or between the ages of thirteen (13) and sixteen (16) for students who are educated by other means, to enter into participation in the program.

The Act further states that students who meet the eligibility requirements in OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 2603(B)(1)(a) after completing the eleventh grade or after reaching the age of seventeen (17) shall be given the opportunity to participate in OHLAP. Beginning with the eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade, students enrolled in a public school, or students between the ages of thirteen (13) and sixteen (16) who are educated by other means and who apply for participation in OHLAP during the 2021-2022 school year, shall not be eligible to participate if their parent's federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$60,000.

Please visit the firm's website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.