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RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 14, 2024

Re: SB 1302

Signed: May 3, 2024

Effective: July 1, 2024

Topic: Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP)

Summary: This bill revises existing law (70 O.S. § 2603 and § 2605) to modify student eligibility requirements for participation in the OHLAP.

Deleted from requirement #5 is the following provision which required “one additional unit or set of competencies in a course that meets college admission requirements. The curriculum requirements shall include two units or sets of competencies in foreign or non-English language or technology courses that meet the college admission requirement and one unit or set of competencies of a fine arts course.” Requirement #5 now simply reads the student must have completed “the curricular requirements for admission to an institution within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.”

Added to Requirement #8 is a provision regarding eligibility for students placed in DHS custody during grades 8-12 who have enrolled no later than their official graduation date and have established financial need. The revised law further provides that students in DHS custody will not be found in financial need if the federal AGI of the student exceeds \$60,000 per year.

Deleted from the statutory language is a provision regarding students residing in both Oklahoma and an adjacent state and their participation agreements entered into *by June 1, 2008*.

Also removed from the current law are two provisions regarding students not found to be in “financial need” if their parents have income exceeding \$50,000 and \$100,000 per year.



Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.