

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1227

By: Ownbey and Roan of the
House

5 and

6 Simpson of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to higher education; transferring
11 governance, supervision, management and control of
the Ardmore Higher Education Program from the Board
12 of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program
to the Regional University System of Oklahoma;
13 transferring all interests and obligations of the
Board of Trustees and the Ardmore Higher Education
14 Program; requiring assumption of obligations for
tenure and retirement by the Regional University
System of Oklahoma; requiring certain facilities to
15 serve as branch campus in Ardmore of Southeastern
Oklahoma State University; authorizing Regional
16 University System of Oklahoma to provide resources to
branch campus for certain purpose; requiring Oklahoma
17 State Regents for Higher Education to make college
credit courses and programs available to people of
18 Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma; requiring
establishment of branch campus of Southeastern
19 Oklahoma State University at Ardmore; providing for
governance of Ardmore branch campus by Regional
20 University System of Oklahoma; providing for lower
division courses and programs to be offered by Murray
21 State College with right to defer to Southeastern
Oklahoma State University; establishing certain
22 advisory board; providing for membership; stating
duties; prohibiting duplication of certain courses
23 and programs; providing for East Central University
to offer additional programs; providing for the
24 phasing in of provisions of this act; repealing 70

1 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, as amended by Section 1,
2 Chapter 73, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section
3 3213), which relates to the Ardmore Higher Education
4 Program; providing for codification; and providing an
5 effective date.

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

7 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3515.1 of Title 70, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. The governance, supervision, management and control of the
11 Ardmore Higher Education Program is hereby transferred from the
12 Board of Trustees for the Ardmore Higher Education Program to the
13 Regional University System of Oklahoma, and all interests in real
14 property, facilities, equipment and appurtenances, state-
15 appropriated monies and all duties, obligations and liabilities of
16 the Ardmore Higher Education Program and any and all obligations of
17 the Board of Trustees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program for
18 and on behalf of the Ardmore Higher Education Program are
19 transferred to the Regional University System of Oklahoma.
20 Obligations for any and all plans for tenure or retirement of
21 employees of the Ardmore Higher Education Program, either through
22 the Ardmore Higher Education Program or the Board of Trustees for
23 the Ardmore Higher Education Program, shall be assumed by the
24 Regional University System of Oklahoma.

1 B. The facilities of the Ardmore Higher Education Program shall
2 serve as the branch campus in Ardmore of Southeastern Oklahoma State
3 University. The Regional University System of Oklahoma may provide
4 resources to the branch campus in Ardmore of Southeastern Oklahoma
5 State University to maintain its facilities in accordance with its
6 function and mission as provided by law.

7 C. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall make
8 undergraduate and graduate college credit courses and programs
9 available to the people of Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma. The
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide courses
11 and programs through a branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State
12 University, which shall be established and located in Ardmore. The
13 branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore
14 shall be governed by the Regional University System of Oklahoma and
15 administered through Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

16 D. Murray State College shall offer and have the right to defer
17 to Southeastern Oklahoma State University for the offering of all
18 lower division courses and programs at the branch campus of
19 Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore. Lower division
20 courses and programs offered at the undergraduate level at the
21 branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Ardmore
22 shall not duplicate those offered by Murray State College.

23 E. The members serving on the Board of Trustees for the Ardmore
24 Higher Education Program established pursuant to Section 3213 of

1 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes on the effective date of this act
2 shall serve as an advisory board to the president of Southeastern
3 Oklahoma State University. The advisory board shall advise the
4 president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University on strategic
5 directions for the branch campus of Southeastern Oklahoma State
6 University at Ardmore, including academic programming, student
7 services, community relations, and institutional advancement. The
8 advisory board, in coordination with the president of Southeastern
9 Oklahoma State University, shall establish bylaws and membership of
10 the advisory board.

11 F. Courses offered at Southeastern Oklahoma State University at
12 Ardmore shall not duplicate nursing program courses offered at East
13 Central University campus at Ardmore.

14 G. The consolidation of Ardmore Higher Education Center and
15 Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall protect the continuing
16 and historic relationships which exist between Ardmore Higher
17 Education Center, Murray State College, and East Central University.
18 Each institution shall be allowed to continue its historic course
19 and program offerings. Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall
20 assume management of Ardmore Higher Education Center and shall be
21 one of three educational providers at the Center. East Central
22 University may offer additional courses which Southeastern Oklahoma
23 State University and East Central University mutually agree are in
24 the best interest of the community.

1 H. Southeastern Oklahoma State University shall assume all the
2 duties and powers provided for in this act by July 1, 2014.

3 SECTION 2. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3213, as
4 amended by Section 1, Chapter 73, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2010,
5 Section 3213) is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.
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