

**TITLE 610. STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
CHAPTER 25. STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 23. Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program
610:25-23-2. Eligibility of Participants [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule changes address the following issues:

The proposed revision implements an amendment to the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, known as Oklahoma's Promise, statutes as passed in SB 137 of the 2015 Oklahoma Legislative. The amendment relates to the determination of financial eligibility of students applying for the program in the 8th, 9th or 10th grade. The new statutory language requires the State Regents to review the financial eligibility of the student if the income of the student's parent(s) includes income from either non-taxable military benefits or Social Security benefits due to the death or disability of a parent (Social Security retirement benefits are not included in the review). If the review determines that the total income of the parent(s), excluding non-taxable military benefits and Social Security benefits due to the death or disability of a parent, does not exceed \$50,000, then the student will be eligible to enroll in the program.

AUTHORITY:

70 O.S. §2601 *et seq.*; 70 O.S. §3206 (i); Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

COMMENT PERIOD:

Interested persons may submit written and oral comments to David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104, by 5:00 p.m., November 16, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, one can be requested by contacting David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 by 5:00 p.m., November 16, 2015.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 on and after October 30, 2015.

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