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Rule Type: Permanent

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Public Comment: None received

Rule Impact: Students enrolled in noncredit remedial courses will face increased costs for those courses because the program will no longer pay awards for the courses. The program does not assess any fees. The proposed rule changes are expected to have small administrative cost impacts to the agency. The scholarship program itself may experience a slight cost savings due to the elimination of payment of awards for noncredit remedial courses.

Reason for Rule: The proposed rule amendments address three issues. Return of Award Funds for Certain Course Withdrawals: New statutory language in HB 3592 of the 2018 legislative session requires that scholarship award funds be returned to the program when a student withdraws from a college course prior to the end of the add/drop period for the semester in which the student is enrolled. Clarification Related to Student Conduct Requirements: These changes incorporate emergency rules approved earlier in 2018 that clarify the student requirements to *"attend school regularly"*, *"refrain from substance abuse"*, and *"refrain from commission of crimes or delinquent acts"*. *"Attend school regularly"* means that the student was in attendance at least 80 percent of each school year, excluding absences excused by the school. *"Refrain from substance abuse"* means that the student was not adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile nor convicted of a crime as an adult by a

court of law for an offense involving a controlled dangerous substance, as defined in the Oklahoma Statutes. "/Refrain from the commission of a crime or delinquent acts/" means that the student was not adjudicated delinquent as a juvenile nor convicted of a crime as an adult by a court of law. Eliminating Award Payment for Remedial Courses: SB 529 of the 2017 legislative session included a statutory amendment requiring that, beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, the program will no longer pay awards for noncredit remedial courses.

Statutory Authority to promulgate the rules: 70 O.S.Section 2601 et seq. and 70 O.S. Section 3206(i)

Fee Increase? No