

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2353

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring school district
8 to spend certain percentage of budget on
9 instructional expenditures; mandating annual increase
10 to comply with requirement; providing for written
11 warning notice for failure to comply; prescribing
12 posting warning notice on district website; requiring
13 increased compensation for failure to comply for four
14 consecutive years; stating increase is permanent;
15 defining terms; providing for codification; and
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-128.3 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the board of
22 education of each school district shall spend no less than sixty
23 percent (60%) of its annual budget on instructional expenditures.

24 B. If a school district spends less than sixty percent (60%) of
its annual budget on instructional expenditures, it shall increase
its instructional expenditures by no less than two percent (2%) each

1 year until the amount spent on instructional expenditures reaches
2 sixty percent (60%) of its annual budget.

3 C. If a school district spends less than sixty percent (60%) of
4 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not
5 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section,
6 the school district shall receive a written warning notice from the
7 State Department of Education. The notice shall also be posted on
8 the website of the school district.

9 D. If a school district spends less than sixty percent (60%) of
10 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not
11 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section
12 for four (4) consecutive years after receiving the notice provided
13 in subsection C of this section, the school district shall increase
14 compensation for all teachers in the school district by two percent
15 (2%) for each year in that period in which the school district did
16 not increase instructional expenses by a minimum of two percent
17 (2%). The pay increase required pursuant to this subsection shall
18 be permanent.

19 E. As used in this section:

20 1. "Annual budget" means a plan of financial operations using
21 revenues contributed from local, state and federal sources but shall
22 not include revenue received from bond sales, the sale of property
23 or equipment, school fundraisers or nonprofit organization
24 contributions or grants; and

1 2. "Instructional expenditures" means current expenditures for
2 activities directly related to the interaction between teacher and
3 students and includes salaries and benefits for teachers and
4 instructional aides, textbooks, supplies and purchased instructional
5 services such as instruction via television, webinars and other
6 online instruction. Also included are tuition expenditures to other
7 schools.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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