

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2540

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring board of  
8 education to spend at least sixty-five percent of its  
9 operational expenditures on classroom expenditures;  
10 defining terms; providing for codification; providing  
11 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18-126 of Title 70, unless there  
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. A school district board of education shall spend at least  
17 sixty-five percent (65%) of its operational expenditures on  
18 classroom expenditures.

19 B. As used in this section:

20 1. "Classroom expenditures" means expenditures for activities  
21 directly associated with the interaction between teachers and  
22 students including, but not limited to, teacher salaries and  
23 benefits, classroom supplies, and instructional materials and  
24 services; and

1        2. "Operational expenditures" means all expenditures made by a  
2 school district board of education other than expenditures for  
3 capital construction or debt or bond payments including, but not  
4 limited to, the payment of interest on debt or bonds, and  
5 expenditures for facilities' leases and facilities' rental payments.

6        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

7        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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