

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2775

By: McCall, McBride, Baker,  
Bashore, Moore, Humphrey,  
Luttrell, Caldwell (Chad),  
Maynard, Echols, and  
Hilbert of the House

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5 and

6 Daniels and Jett of the  
7 Senate

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10 An Act relating to education; making appropriations  
11 to the State Board of Education; specifying  
12 appropriation amounts; providing a pay increase for  
13 all active classroom teachers; directing certain  
14 appropriation to be distributed based on average  
15 daily membership; establishing maximum distribution  
16 amount; providing allowable expenditures for  
17 appropriated funds; including certain schools in  
18 funding eligibility; providing a pay increase for  
19 certain employees; including appropriations in per-  
20 pupil expenditure calculations; prohibiting  
21 severability of act provisions; providing for  
22 conditional enactment; providing for noncodification;  
23 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
24 emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the State Board of  
Education from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the  
General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year

1 ending June 30, 2024, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars  
2 (\$150,000,000.00) for the financial support of public schools. A  
3 portion of these monies and monies appropriated in Section 3 of this  
4 act shall be used to increase salaries of all public school district  
5 active classroom teachers, as defined in Section 17-101 of Title 70  
6 of the Oklahoma Statutes, in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred  
7 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per active classroom teacher for the 2023-2024  
8 school year. If a person employed as an active classroom teacher by  
9 a school district during the 2022-2023 school year was receiving a  
10 salary greater than the step level indicated by the state or local  
11 Minimum Salary Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year, the person  
12 shall receive a salary increase in the amount of Two Thousand Five  
13 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) greater than his or her salary for the  
14 2022-2023 school year, provided the person remains employed by the  
15 same district and the hours or duties of the person are not reduced.

16 SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Student  
17 Fund of the State Treasury created in Enrolled House Bill No. 1935  
18 enacted by the 1st Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature from any  
19 monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of  
20 the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the sum  
21 of Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) to be distributed in a  
22 proportional manner the same as redbud school grants provided for in  
23 subsection B of Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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1 SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Student  
2 Fund of the State Treasury created in Enrolled House Bill No. 1935  
3 enacted by the 1st Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature from any  
4 monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of  
5 the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the sum  
6 of Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) to be distributed  
7 to public school districts in the state based on the weighted  
8 average daily membership of the preceding school year for the school  
9 district to be utilized as provided in this section, but in no event  
10 shall any district receive more than Two Million Dollars  
11 (\$2,000,000.00). The appropriated monies may only be used for the  
12 following expenditures:

13 1. Teacher and support staff salaries, not including salaries  
14 of administrators;

15 2. Programs and facilities related to instruction in science,  
16 technology, engineering, and mathematics;

17 3. Textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials  
18 including, but not limited to, supplemental materials or associated  
19 online instruction applications or materials;

20 4. Computer hardware or other technological devices,  
21 educational software, and applications that are used to meet  
22 curriculum needs and bolster academic outcomes of students;

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1 5. Increasing classroom capacity and additional institutional  
2 space for academic instruction if the school is at full academic  
3 capacity;

4 6. Instruments, supplies, accessories, and materials that  
5 provide instruction in drama, music, speech and debate, agriculture,  
6 or other similar activities;

7 7. Fees for nationally standardized assessments including, but  
8 not limited to, assessments used to determine college admission and  
9 advanced placement examinations as well as tuition and fees for  
10 tutoring, remediation, or preparatory courses for the assessments;

11 8. Summer education programs and specialized after-school  
12 education programs; provided, however, that such expense shall not  
13 include before-school or after-school child care;

14 9. Student support services, including only health,  
15 psychological, guidance, therapy, and attendance services; and

16 10. Tuition and fees for concurrent enrollment at an  
17 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education  
18 only for amounts that are not paid by the Oklahoma State Regents for  
19 Higher Education.

20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
21 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

22 A. For the purposes of funds appropriated pursuant to Sections  
23 1, 2, and 3 of this act, the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the  
24 Oklahoma School for the Deaf shall be considered public schools and

1 public school districts that are eligible to receive the funds  
2 appropriated in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act.

3 B. Persons employed as active classroom teachers by the  
4 Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf  
5 shall receive a salary increase, in the amount of Two Thousand Five  
6 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per active classroom teacher for the  
7 2023-2024 school year. If a person employed as an active classroom  
8 teacher by the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School  
9 for the Deaf during the 2022-2023 school year was receiving a salary  
10 greater than the step level indicated by the state or local Minimum  
11 Salary Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year, the person shall  
12 receive a salary increase in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred  
13 Dollars (\$2,500.00) greater than his or her salary for the 2022-2023  
14 school year, provided the person remains employed by the Oklahoma  
15 School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the  
16 hours or duties of the person are not reduced.

17 C. Persons employed as classroom instructional employees of  
18 technology center school districts supervised by the State Board of  
19 Career and Technology Education shall receive a salary increase, in  
20 the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per  
21 classroom instructional employee for the 2023-2024 school year. If  
22 a person employed as a classroom instructional employee by a  
23 technology center school district during the 2022-2023 school year  
24 was receiving a salary greater than the step level indicated by the

1 state or local Minimum Salary Schedule for the 2022-2023 school  
2 year, the person shall receive a salary increase in the amount of  
3 Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) greater than his or  
4 her salary for the 2022-2023 school year, provided the person  
5 remains employed by the same technology center school district and  
6 the hours or duties of the person are not reduced.

7 D. Persons employed as Correctional Teachers or Vocational  
8 Instructors by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Section  
9 510.6a of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes or persons employed as  
10 teachers by the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall receive a salary  
11 increase, in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
12 (\$2,500.00) per person for the 2023-2024 school year. If a person  
13 employed as provided in this subsection during the 2022-2023 school  
14 year was receiving a salary greater than the step level indicated by  
15 the state or local Minimum Salary Schedule for the 2022-2023 school  
16 year, the person shall receive a salary increase in the amount of  
17 Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) greater than his or  
18 her salary for the 2022-2023 school year, provided the person  
19 remains employed by the Department of Corrections or the Office of  
20 Juvenile Affairs and the hours or duties of the person are not  
21 reduced.

22 E. The funds appropriated pursuant to Sections 1, 2, and 3 of  
23 this act shall be included in any calculation of per-pupil  
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1 expenditure as defined in Section 1-124 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes.

3 SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall not be severable,  
4 and if any provision of this act or the application thereof to any  
5 person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall  
6 invalidate the other provisions or applications of this act.

7 SECTION 6. The provisions of this act shall be contingent upon  
8 the enactment of Enrolled House Bill No. 1935 of the 1st Session of  
9 the 59th Oklahoma Legislature.

10 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

15 Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of February,  
16 2023.

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19 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

20 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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23 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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