

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2901

By: Wallace and Martinez of the  
House

6 and

7 Thompson (Roger) and Hall  
8 of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to education; making appropriations;  
12 establishing amounts and sourcing; providing  
13 purposes; requiring certain distribution methodology  
14 for certain funds; declaring legislative intent;  
15 providing for proportional reduction of certain tax  
credits under certain conditions; providing for  
codification; providing for noncodification;  
providing an effective date; and declaring an  
emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 There is hereby appropriated to the State Board of Education  
22 from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue  
23 Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,  
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1 the sum of Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) for the  
2 financial support of public schools.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
4 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

5 There is hereby appropriated to the State Board of Education for  
6 deposit in the State Public Common School Building Equalization Fund  
7 created in Section 32 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution,  
8 from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue  
9 Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,  
10 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00) to be  
11 distributed as redbud school grants as provided in Section 3-104 of  
12 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 28-100A of Title 70, unless  
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made  
17 in House Bill No. 2901 of the 1st Session of the 59th Oklahoma  
18 Legislature in conjunction with other funds appropriated to the  
19 State Board of Education during the 1st Session of the 59th Oklahoma  
20 Legislature establish a new baseline appropriation level for public  
21 schools in this state, and that maintaining such baseline levels in  
22 future years should be a requirement prior to resources being made  
23 available for programs such as the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax  
24 Credit Act, created pursuant to House Bill No. 1934 of the 1st

1 Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature. For this reason,  
2 subsection B of this section is necessary.

3 B. Beginning July 1, 2024, and at the beginning of each  
4 succeeding state fiscal year, if the amount of money appropriated to  
5 the State Board of Education:

6 1. For the financial support of public schools and support of  
7 public schools activities in such fiscal year; and

8 2. To be distributed through redbud school grants provided for  
9 in Section 3-104 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
10 is less than such amounts appropriated for the fiscal year ending  
11 June 30, 2024, the tax credits otherwise authorized in the Oklahoma  
12 Parental Choice Tax Credit Act shall be reduced proportionally to  
13 reflect the proportion such appropriations fail to reach the  
14 baseline amounts appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
15 2024.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

17 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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