## STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3939 By: Provenzano

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## AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to education; creating the Apprentice Scholarship Program Revolving Fund; specifying source of fund; providing for expenditures; providing purpose of fund; directing the Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education to award grants; establishing permitted use of grants; directing Board to establish criteria and process for application; directing that grants be considered on statewide basis; directing regents to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

- SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-150 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education to be designated the "Apprentice Scholarship Program Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies appropriated by the Legislature and private dollars given to the Oklahoma State Board of

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Career and Technology Education for the purpose of supporting the Apprentice Scholarship Program. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education for the purpose of running and distributing the Apprentice Scholarship Program described in subsection B of this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made on warrants issued by the State

Treasurer against claims filed by the Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education with the Director of the Office of

Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

B. Contingent upon the amount of funds available in the Apprentice Scholarship Program Revolving Fund, the Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education shall award one or more grants annually to support paying the tuition and fees of eligible high school graduates enrolling in federally approved apprenticeship programs in technical trades. Eligible students must enroll in apprenticeship schools that are Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committees designated programs. The Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education shall determine the criteria for and establish a process for the submission of grant applications. The applications shall be considered on a statewide competitive basis. The Oklahoma State Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the grants issued pursuant to this section.

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1	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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