## AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to income tax; defining terms; creating tax credit for specified classroom expenses of a teacher; limiting credit; providing that credit is not refundable; 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 2357.90 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
A. As used in this section:

1. "Classroom expenses" means amounts paid or incurred for participation in professional development courses, books, supplies, computer equipment and related software, other equipment, and supplementary materials that are used in the classroom. For courses in physical education, the expenses for supplies must be for athletic supplies; and
2. "Teacher" means a person defined as a teacher in Section 1116 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except the position of superintendent.
B. For the tax years beginning after December 31, 2018, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the amount incurred in the corresponding tax year for unreimbursed classroom expenses up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for any individual employed as a teacher in a public school during that tax year.
C. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2019.

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