

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 2, 2022

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1592

By: Treat of the Senate

and

McCall of the House

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8 **[ liability insurance - Educators' Professional**  
9 **Liability Insurance Program - coverage for employees**  
10 **- Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES)**  
11 **to administer program - Legislature to appropriate**  
12 **funds - codification -**

**emergency ]**

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-140.1 of Title 70, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The Educators' Professional Liability Insurance Program  
18 shall be created for full-time and part-time personnel employed by a  
19 public school district and a public charter school. The program  
20 shall provide liability coverage for employees up to One Million  
21 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in coverage per occurrence.

22 B. The program shall be administered by the Office of  
23 Management and Enterprise Services (OMES). OMES shall promulgate  
24 rules to implement the provisions of this act. OMES may contract

1 liability insurance from a licensed insurer, create a self-insured  
2 risk pool, or use a combination of both. The insurance carrier  
3 providing any portion of coverage provided under this act shall be  
4 selected by a competitive process.

5 C. The Legislature shall provide an annual appropriation to  
6 cover the costs and any associated premiums for the program.

7 D. The State Department of Education shall provide to eligible  
8 employees upon hiring and annually thereafter written notice of the  
9 Educators' Professional Liability Insurance Program. The notice  
10 shall specifically inform employees that coverage is provided  
11 automatically as part of their employment.

12 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt a local  
13 school district from any current obligations or duties nor amend or  
14 alter The Governmental Tort Claims Act provided in Sections 151  
15 through 172 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

16 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
21 March 2, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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