

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2775

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9 An Act relating to education; making appropriations
10 to the State Board of Education; specifying
11 appropriation amounts; providing a pay increase for
12 all active classroom teachers; directing certain
13 appropriation to be distributed based on average
14 daily membership; establishing maximum distribution
15 amount; providing allowable expenditures for
16 appropriated funds; prohibiting severability of act
17 provisions; providing for conditional enactment;
18 providing an effective date; and declaring an
19 emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the State Board of
22 Education from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the
23 General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year
24 ending June 30, 2024, the sum of One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars
(\$150,000,000.00) for the financial support of public schools. A
portion of these monies and monies appropriated in Section 3 of this
act shall be used to increase salaries of all public school district

1 active classroom teachers, as defined in Section 17-101 of Title 70
2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred
3 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per active classroom teacher for the 2023-2024
4 school year. If a person employed as an active classroom teacher by
5 a school district during the 2022-2023 school year was receiving a
6 salary greater than the step level indicated by the state or local
7 Minimum Salary Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year, the person
8 shall receive a salary increase in the amount of Two Thousand Five
9 Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) greater than his or her salary for the
10 2022-2023 school year, provided the person remains employed by the
11 same district and the hours or duties of the person are not reduced.

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

20 SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Student
21 Fund of the State Treasury created in Enrolled House Bill No. 1935
22 enacted by the First Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature from
23 any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund
24 of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the

1 sum of Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) to be
2 distributed to public school districts in the state based on the
3 average daily membership of the preceding school year for the school
4 district to be utilized as provided in this section, but in no event
5 shall any district receive more than Two Million Dollars
6 (\$2,000,000.00). The appropriated monies may only be used for the
7 following expenditures:

8 1. Teacher and support staff salaries, not including salaries
9 of administrators;

10 2. Programs and facilities related to instruction in science,
11 technology, engineering, and mathematics;

12 3. Textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials
13 including, but not limited to, supplemental materials or associated
14 online instruction applications or materials;

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

18 5. Increasing classroom capacity and additional institutional
19 space for academic instruction if the school is at full academic
20 capacity;

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall be contingent upon
19 the enactment of Enrolled House Bill No. 1935 of the First Session
20 of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature.

21 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

22 SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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