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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) FLOOR SUBSTITUTE 3 HOUSE BILL NO. 3388 4 By: McCall 5 6 7 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE An Act relating to schools; amending Section 2, 8 Chapter 278, O.S.L. 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, 9 Section 28-101), which relates to the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit Act; modifying 10 definitions; establishing credit amount for private schools serving certain student populations; prohibiting offset of credit for certain liabilities; 11 modifying application of caps from a tax year to a fiscal year; providing for carryover of certain 12 unused credits; exempting certain eligible taxpayers 1.3 from providing additional income verification; modifying timing and procedures for application 14 process; requiring authorization of certain credits; providing dates for installments; modifying priority 15 of tax credit recipients in certain cases; directing taxpayers to provide notice related to a change in 16 enrollment status; providing for reallocation of certain credits; excluding credits from taxable 17 income; prohibiting issuance of Form 1099s; and declaring an emergency. 18 19 20 21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 23 2023 (70 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 28-101), is amended to read as 24 follows:

Section 28-101. A. As used in the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit Act:

- 1. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Tax Commission;
- 2. "Curriculum" means a complete course of study for a particular content area or grade level;
 - 3. "Department" means the State Department of Education;
- 4. "Education service provider" means a person, business, public school district, public charter school, magnet school, or organization that provides educational goods and/or services to eligible students;
- 5. "Eligible student" means a resident of this state who is eligible to enroll in a public school in this state. Eligible student shall include a student who is enrolled in and attends or is expected to enroll in a private school accredited by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association or a student who is educated pursuant to the other means of education exception provided for in subsection A of Section 10-105 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title;
- 6. "Qualified expense" for the purpose of claiming the credit authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section means tuition and fees at a private school accredited by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association;

7. "Qualified expense" for the purpose of claiming the credit authorized by subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section means the following expenditures:

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- a. tuition and fees for nonpublic online <u>or in-person</u> learning programs,
- academic tutoring services provided by an individual
 or a private academic tutoring facility,
- c. textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials including, but not limited to, supplemental materials or associated online instruction required by an education service provider, and
- d. fees for nationally standardized assessments including, but not limited to, assessments used to determine college admission and advanced placement examinations as well as tuition and fees for tutoring or preparatory courses for the assessments; and
- 8. "Taxpayer" means a biological or adoptive parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of an eligible student.
- B. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax

 Credit Program to provide an income tax credit to a taxpayer for

 qualified expenses to support the education of eligible students in
 this state.

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C. For the tax year 2024 and subsequent tax years, there shall be allowed against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes a credit for any Oklahoma taxpayer who incurs a qualified expense on behalf of an eligible student, to be administered subject to the following amounts for each tax year:

- 1. If the eligible student attends a private school <u>in</u>

 Oklahoma, accredited by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association, the maximum credit amount shall be:
 - a. (1) Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00)

 or the amount of tuition and fees for the private school, whichever is less, if the eligible student is a member of a household in which the total adjusted gross income during the second preceding tax year does not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00),
 - (2) Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) or the amount of tuition and fees for the private school, whichever is less, if the eligible student is a member of a household in which the total adjusted gross income during the second preceding tax year is more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) but does not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00),

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- (3) Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) or the amount of tuition and fees for the private school, whichever is less, if the eligible student is a member of a household in which the total adjusted gross income during the second preceding tax year is more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) but does not exceed Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00),
- (4) Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) or the amount of tuition and fees for the private school,
 whichever is less, if the eligible student is a member of a household in which the total adjusted gross income during the second preceding tax year is more than Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00) but does not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or
- (5) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the amount of tuition and fees for the private school, whichever is less, if the eligible student is a member of a household in which the total adjusted gross income during the second preceding tax year is more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), and

b. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in qualified expenses per eligible student in each tax year if the eligible student is educated pursuant to the other means of education exception provided for in subsection A of Section 10-105 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title. To claim the credit, the taxpayer shall submit to the Commission receipts for qualified expenses as defined by paragraph 7 of subsection A of this section;

- 2. If the eligible student attends a private school in

 Oklahoma, accredited by the State Board of Education or another

 accrediting association, that exclusively serves students

 experiencing homelessness, the credit amount shall be Seven Thousand

 Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) or the amount of the cost to

 educate the eligible student at the private school, whichever is

 less;
- 3. If the eligible student attends a private school in Oklahoma, accredited by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association, that primarily serves financially disadvantaged students, the credit amount shall be the maximum credit amount authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of this subsection or the amount of the cost to educate the eligible student at the private school, whichever is less. The cost to educate the eligible student shall be equal to the average cost to educate all

1	students attending the private school, which shall be calculated by
2	dividing the private school's total expenditures in the previous
3	year by the total enrollment in the previous school year. A private
4	school shall be deemed to be primarily serving financially
5	disadvantaged students if the private school's admissions are based
6	on enrolling students whose gross family income is two hundred fifty
7	percent (250%) of the federal poverty threshold or below;
8	4. The taxpayer shall retain all receipts of qualified expenses
9	as proof of the amounts paid each tax year the credit is claimed and

- shall submit them to the Commission upon request; and
- 3. 5. If the credit exceeds the tax imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the excess amount shall be refunded to the taxpayer; and
- 6. Credits claimed by a taxpayer pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be used to offset or pay the following:
 - delinquent tax liability, a.
 - accrued penalty or interest from the failure to file a b. report or return,
 - accrued penalty or interest from the failure to pay a C. state tax within the statutory period allowed for its payment,
 - liability of the taxpayer from any prior tax year, or d.

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e. any debt, unpaid fine, final judgement, or claim filed

with the Commission by a qualified entity as defined

in Section 205.2 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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- D. 1. a. For tax fiscal year 2024, the total amount of credits authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00). Any unused credits from fiscal year 2024 shall be carried over to fiscal year 2025.
 - b. For tax fiscal year 2025, the total amount of credits authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00), except for unused credits carried over from fiscal year 2024 pursuant to subparagraph a of this paragraph.
 - c. For tax fiscal year 2026, and subsequent tax fiscal years, the total amount of credits authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00).
 - d. Credits authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section shall be applied to the fiscal year in which the installment payment provided in subsection E of this section is made.

2. For tax fiscal year 2025, and subsequent tax fiscal years, the total amount of credits authorized by subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

- E. 1. The Commission shall prescribe applications for the purposes of claiming the credits authorized by the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit Act and a deadline by which applications shall be submitted. A taxpayer claiming the credit authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section shall submit an application prescribed by the Commission to receive the credit. If an eligible taxpayer provides documentation on the application that he or she is a recipient of income-based government benefits including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or SoonerCare, the eligible taxpayer shall not be required to provide additional income verification.
- 2. To ensure educational continuity for students, the application process shall be administered based on the school year. The first application aligned to the school year shall open on May 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Prior to authorizing any credits for the 2024-2025 school year to taxpayers who did not receive an allocation of credits for the fall semester of 2024, the Commission shall first automatically authorize the same amount of credits to taxpayers who were authorized credits prior to May 1,

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    2024, for the fall semester of 2024. Beginning in the 2025-2026
    school year and subsequent years, the application period shall open
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    on January 15 prior to the beginning of each school year. For any
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    eligible student who is a member of a household in which the total
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    federal adjusted gross income does not exceed One Hundred Fifty
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    Thousand Dollars ($150,000.00), applications shall be submitted to
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    the Commission within the first sixty (60) days of the opening of
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    taxpayer who receives an allocation of tax credits shall also have
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    priority consideration in any subsequent period; provided, that an
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    application is submitted within the first sixty (60) days of the
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    application period. For students enrolled in the full school year,
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    the credit shall be paid in two installments, one per school
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    semester, to be paid no later than August 30 and January 15, each of
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    which shall be half of the total expected amount of tuition and fees
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    for the private school based on the affidavit enrollment
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    verification form submitted pursuant to this subsection, but in no
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    event shall an installment payment exceed half the amount of the
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    credit authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C
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    of this section.
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        3. For students enrolled in less than the full school year, the
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    credit shall be prorated by semester and issued no later than thirty
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(30) days after the application is approved or during the first

thirty (30) days of the semester in which the student is enrolled,

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whichever is later. The prorated installment payment shall not be
less than fifty percent (50%) of the total expected amount of
tuition and fees for the private school based on the enrollment
verification form submitted pursuant to this subsection, but in no
event shall an installment payment exceed the amount of the credit
authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this
section.

- 4. A taxpayer claiming the credit authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section shall submit to the Commission an affidavit enrollment verification form from the private school in which the eligible student is enrolled or is expected to enroll with the tuition and fees to be charged the taxpayer for the applicable school year. The Commission shall make installment payments based on the expected tuition and fee amounts provided on the enrollment verification form and submitted pursuant to this subsection.
- F. In reviewing the event there are more applications submitted by eligible taxpayers to determine whether they qualify for a credit authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section, then available credits pursuant to subsection D of this section, then the Commission shall give first preference in making installments authorizing credits to eligible students of taxpayers who qualify pursuant to divisions (1) and (2) of subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section. The Commission shall

1 make the installments based on the expected amount of tuition and 2 fee amounts on the affidavit submitted pursuant to this subsection: 1. First, received the credit the prior year; 3 4 2. Second, qualify pursuant to divisions (1) and (2) of 5 subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section; and 3. Third, are siblings of eligible students of taxpayers who 6 7 received the credit in the prior year. F. G. Taxpayers claiming the credit shall: 8 9 1. Only claim the credit for qualified expenses as defined in paragraphs 6 and 7 of subsection A of this section to provide an 10 education for an eligible student; 11 12 2. Ensure no other person is claiming a credit for the eligible 1.3 student; 14 3. Not claim the credit for an eligible student who enrolls as 15 a full-time student in a public school district, public charter 16 school, public virtual charter school, or magnet school; and 17 4. Comply with rules and requirements established by the 18 Commission for administration of the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax 19 Credit Program; and 20 5. Notify the Commission no later than the thirtieth day after 21 the date on which the eligible student: 22 enrolls in a public school, including an opena.

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enrolls in a nonaccredited private school,

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c. graduates from high school, or

d. is no longer utilizing credits authorized by subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section for any reason.

G. H. Eligible students may accept a scholarship from the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program created by Section 13-101.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes this title while participating in the Oklahoma Parental Choice Tax Credit Program.

H. 1. The Commission shall have:

- 1. Have the authority to conduct an audit or contract for the auditing of receipts for qualified expenses submitted pursuant to subparagraph b of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section—:
- 2. The Commission shall be Be authorized to recapture the credits otherwise authorized by the provisions of this act on a prorated by semester basis if an audit conducted pursuant to this subsection shows that the credit was claimed for expenditures that were not qualified expenses or it finds that the taxpayer has claimed an eligible student who no longer attends a private school or has enrolled in a public school in the state; and
- 3. Reallocate credits within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from a taxpayer pursuant to paragraph 5 of subsection G of this section to the next eligible taxpayer in line when a taxpayer, on behalf of an eligible student in the program, chooses not to

participate, is no longer eligible to participate, or chooses to forgo participation in the program for any reason.

1. J. In the event of a failure of revenue pursuant to the Oklahoma State Finance Act, the tax credits otherwise authorized in subsection C of this section shall be reduced proportionately to the reduction in the amount of money appropriated to the State Board of Education for the financial support of public schools for the fiscal year in which the failure of revenue occurs.

- $\frac{J_{-}}{K_{-}}$ The Commission shall make available on its website the amount of credits claimed each tax year pursuant to subparagraphs a and b of paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section.
- L. Credits received pursuant to this act shall not constitute taxable income to a taxpayer who received the credit on behalf of an eligible student. The Commission shall not issue any Form 1099s to taxpayers.

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

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