

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 265

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing certain school
8 districts to receive certain grant beginning in
9 certain school year subject to availability of
10 funding; defining term; exempting districts that
11 receive grants from certain penalties; directing
12 applications for grants to be submitted to the State
13 Department of Education; providing for distribution
14 of grants if funds are insufficient to provide grants
15 to all applicants; providing for promulgation of
16 rules; providing for codification; providing an
17 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18-113.6 of Title 70, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. Subject to the availability of funding, beginning with the
23 2023-2024 school year, if the number of students enrolled in a
24 single grade level in a school district exceeds the class size
25 limits set forth in Section 18-113.1, 18-113.2, or 18-113.3 of Title
26 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the school district shall receive a
27 grant to employ a teacher's assistant in an amount equal to the

1 average salary of a teacher's assistant, as determined by the State
2 Department of Education. For the purposes of this section,
3 "teacher's assistant" shall have the same meaning as provided for in
4 Section 6-127 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 B. A school district that receives a grant pursuant to this
6 section shall not be subject to the penalties for exceeding the
7 class size limits set forth in Section 18-113.1, 18-113.2, or 18-
8 113.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9 C. Application for a grant authorized by subsection A of this
10 section shall be submitted to the State Department of Education on a
11 form and in a manner prescribed by the Department. If funds are
12 insufficient to provide grants to all eligible applicants, available
13 funds shall be distributed on a pro rata basis.

14 D. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
15 implement the provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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