

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1280 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Chad Caldwell \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1280

By: Caldwell (Chad)

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; requiring school district  
10 to spend certain percentage of budget on  
11 instructional expenditures; mandating annual increase  
12 to comply with requirement; providing for written  
13 warning notice for failure to comply; directing  
14 warning notice be posted on district website;  
15 requiring increased compensation for failure to  
16 comply for four consecutive years; mandating  
17 permanent compensation increase; defining terms;  
18 providing for codification; providing an effective  
19 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

26 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
27 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-128.3 of Title 70, unless  
28 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

29 A. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the board of  
30 education of each school district in the state shall spend no less  
31 than fifty percent (50%) of its annual budget on instructional  
32 expenditures.

1 B. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of  
2 its annual budget on instructional expenditures, it shall increase  
3 its instructional expenditures by no less than two percent (2%) each  
4 year until the amount spent on instructional expenditures reaches  
5 fifty percent (50%) of its annual budget.

6 C. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of  
7 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not  
8 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section,  
9 the school district shall receive a written warning notice from the  
10 State Department of Education. The notice shall also be posted on  
11 the website of the school district.

12 D. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of  
13 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not  
14 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section  
15 for four (4) consecutive years after receiving the notice provided  
16 in subsection C of this section, the school district shall increase  
17 compensation for all teachers in the school district by two percent  
18 (2%) for each year in that period in which the school district did  
19 not increase instructional expenditures by a minimum of two percent  
20 (2%). The pay increase required pursuant to this subsection shall  
21 be permanent.

22 E. As used in this section:

23 1. "Annual budget" means a plan of financial operations using  
24 revenues contributed from local, state, and federal sources but

1 shall not include revenue received from bond sales, the sale of  
2 property or equipment, school fundraisers, or nonprofit organization  
3 contributions or grants; and

4 2. "Instructional expenditures" means instruction and  
5 instruction-related expenditures as defined by the National Center  
6 for Education Statistics, a federal entity within the United States  
7 Department of Education.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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