

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1280

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8 [schools - districts - budget - expenditures -
9 requirement - comply - website - years - increase -
10 terms - codification - effective date -
11 emergency]

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

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

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

22 B. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of
23 its annual budget on instructional expenditures, it shall increase
24 its instructional expenditures by no less than two percent (2%) each

1 year until the amount spent on instructional expenditures reaches
2 fifty percent (50%) of its annual budget.

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

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

19 E. As used in this section:

20 1. "Annual budget" means a plan of financial operations using
21 revenues contributed from local, state, and federal sources but
22 shall not include revenue received from bond sales, the sale of
23 property or equipment, school fundraisers, or nonprofit organization
24 contributions or grants; and

1 2. "Instructional expenditures" means instruction expenditures
2 as defined by the National Center for Education Statistics, a
3 federal entity within the United States Department of Education.

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

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

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