

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2917

6 By: Pittman

7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to agricultural education; requiring  
9 the State Department of Agriculture to operate the Ag  
10 in the Classroom program; stating program purpose;  
11 prescribing Department duties under the program;  
12 clarifying authority for the program; directing  
13 receipt of funds; authorizing the Department to apply  
14 for and use certain funds for program purposes;  
15 amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1104.3, which relates  
16 to the Ag in the Classroom Education Revolving Fund;  
17 increasing the fee allocated to the fund from  
18 Agricultural Awareness license plates; allowing  
19 appropriation and receipt of other monies to the  
20 fund; clarifying expenditure authority; requiring  
21 certain monies to be expended for program expansion;  
22 providing for codification; and providing an  
23 effective date.  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-60.7 of Title 2, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. The State Department of Agriculture shall operate an "Ag in  
2 the Classroom Program" for the purpose of educating students about  
3 agriculture within Oklahoma.

4 B. The Department shall:

5 1. Develop curriculum for pre-kindergarten through twelfth  
6 grade Ag in the Classroom programs for urban and rural schools;

7 2. Provide training and workshops for Oklahoma teachers who  
8 utilize Ag in the Classroom curriculum;

9 3. Utilize existing Department resources and related programs  
10 to develop and enhance the Ag in the Classroom Program; and

11 4. Cooperate with the State Department of Education and the  
12 Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service as needed in  
13 development and operation of the Ag in the Classroom Program.

14 C. The State Department of Agriculture shall have exclusive  
15 control and authority over the Ag in the Classroom Program and no  
16 other state agency, board, commission, department, or other entity  
17 of state government shall have authority with respect to the  
18 Program. The Department shall directly receive all funds obtained  
19 for the Ag in the Classroom Program pursuant to Section 1104.3 of  
20 Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Department may apply for,  
21 accept, and use any gift, grant, or bequest from any source for the  
22 purpose of discharging its duties under this section.

23 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1104.3, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1104.3. A. ~~Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00)~~ Twenty-seven  
2 Dollars (\$27.00) of the fee authorized by Section 1135.5 of this  
3 title for Agricultural Awareness license plates shall be deposited  
4 to the Ag in the Classroom Education Revolving Fund created in  
5 subsection B of this section.

6 B. 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
7 revolving fund for the State Department of Agriculture to be  
8 designated the "Ag in the Classroom Education Revolving Fund". The  
9 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year  
10 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the  
11 Department pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this  
12 section, appropriated or apportioned by the Legislature and received  
13 as federal grants or funds, municipal contributions, private  
14 contributors, and received from other sources, for duties associated  
15 with this act. All monies accruing to the credit of such fund are  
16 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the  
17 Department for the purpose of Ag in the Classroom Education Program.  
18 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
19 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
20 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
21 approval and payment. The State Department of Agriculture shall  
22 have exclusive control over the Ag in the Classroom Program and no  
23 other state agency, board, commission, department, or other entity  
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1 of state government shall have authority with respect to any  
2 expenditure from the revolving fund.

3 2. All monies received by the Department above Twenty-four  
4 Dollars (\$24.00) of the fee for the Agricultural Awareness license  
5 plates shall be allocated toward the expansion of the Ag in the  
6 Classroom Education Program into urban areas.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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