

**FLOOR 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

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1280

By: Caldwell (Chad), Hays,  
Banning, and Crosswhite  
Hader of the House

and

Rader of the Senate

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

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 5-128.3 of Title 70, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the board of  
education of each school district in the state shall spend no less

1 than fifty percent (50%) of its annual operating budget on  
2 instructional expenditures.

3 B. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of  
4 its annual operating budget on instructional expenditures, it shall  
5 increase its instructional expenditures by no less than two percent  
6 (2%) each year until the amount spent on instructional expenditures  
7 reaches fifty percent (50%) of its annual operating budget.

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

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

24 E. As used in this section:

1        1. "Annual operating budget" means a plan of financial  
2 operations using revenues contributed from local, state, and federal  
3 sources but shall not include revenue received from bond sales, the  
4 sale of property or equipment, school fundraisers, or nonprofit  
5 organization contributions or grants. As used in this section,  
6 annual operating budget shall exclude fifty percent (50%) of the  
7 district transportation expenses for the applicable school year if a  
8 school district has an Average Daily Membership of less than one  
9 thousand (1,000) and shall exclude one hundred percent (100%) of any  
10 expenditure by a charter school for mortgage payments or lease  
11 payments made to the lender or owner of real property, respectively,  
12 upon which the charter school provides its instructional services to  
13 students; and

14        2. "Instructional expenditures" means instruction expenditures  
15 as defined by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), a  
16 federal entity within the United States Department of Education  
17 using the exact definitions published by NCES as of March 1, 2025,  
18 which shall be controlling whether or not NCES is still organized as  
19 an entity or has a successor in interest after the effective date of  
20 this act.

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

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

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