

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

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB245 \_\_\_\_\_  
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: Toni Hasenbeck \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 245

By: Deevers of the Senate

and

Hasenbeck of the House

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9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

10 [ State Department of Education - High Dosage

11 Tutoring Program - eligibility - promulgation of

12 rules - revolving fund - codification - effective

13 date -

14 emergency ]

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17 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-180 of Title 70, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The State Department of Education shall establish and  
22 maintain the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring Program for grades  
23 kindergarten through eight.

24 B. For the purposes of this section:

1           1. "Cohort" means a student or group of students of no more  
2 than five who receive subject-specific high dosage tutoring in  
3 mathematics or English language arts (ELA) and are at least one-half  
4 grade level behind in mathematics or ELA prior to participating in  
5 the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring Program; and

6           2. "High dosage tutoring" means in-person, subject-specific  
7 tutoring conducted by an individual employed by or contracted with a  
8 school district participating in the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring  
9 Program after school hours for a minimum of three one-hour sessions  
10 per week per cohort. Tutoring shall be conducted during a minimum  
11 of ten (10) weeks in the fall semester and a minimum of twelve (12)  
12 weeks in the spring semester.

13           C. 1. Participating school districts shall assess kindergarten  
14 through third grade students participating in high dosage ELA  
15 tutoring using the screening instrument required by Section  
16 1210.508C of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to track ELA academic  
17 growth. Fourth- through eighth-grade students participating in high  
18 dosage ELA tutoring shall be assessed using an assessment chosen by  
19 the district to determine academic readiness for the next grade  
20 level.

21           2. Participating school districts shall assess students  
22 participating in high dosage mathematics tutoring using an  
23 assessment chosen by the district to determine academic readiness  
24 for the next grade level.

1           3. Results of screening instruments and assessments  
2 administered pursuant to this subsection shall be electronically  
3 reported to the State Department of Education three times a year at  
4 intervals determined by the Department.

5           D. The State Department of Education shall give priority for  
6 participation in the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring Program to school  
7 districts federally designated for additional targeted support and  
8 improvement or comprehensive support and improvement under the  
9 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as reauthorized by  
10 P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act.  
11 Participation in the program shall be approved on a first-come,  
12 first-served basis without any limitation other than the amount of  
13 funds available for the program and the number of school districts  
14 that apply.

15           E. High dosage tutors employed by or contracted with public  
16 school districts participating in the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring  
17 Program shall be awarded bonuses in the following amounts:

18           1. One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) for each cohort  
19 educated by a high dosage tutor per semester; and

20           2. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each academic grade  
21 level increase in ELA or mathematics that each student within a  
22 cohort experiences within one (1) academic year.

23           F. 1. If the students in a high dosage tutor's cohort do not  
24 improve by at least half a grade level in their tutored subject

1 within the first year of the program, the tutor shall be placed on a  
2 conditional one-year term of participation.

3 2. If the students in a high dosage tutor's cohort fail to  
4 achieve half a grade level of growth during the one-year conditional  
5 term of participation, the tutor shall lose eligibility to  
6 participate in the program. A tutor who loses eligibility pursuant  
7 to this paragraph may be reconsidered as a high dosage tutor after  
8 two (2) years.

9 3. If the students in a high dosage tutor's cohort achieve half  
10 a grade level of growth during the one-year conditional term of  
11 participation, the tutor's conditional status shall be lifted.

12 G. High dosage tutors shall be provided the necessary  
13 information for each student's subject-specific academic performance  
14 level, as determined by the student's current teacher of the tutored  
15 subject.

16 H. 1. School districts participating in the Oklahoma High  
17 Dosage Tutoring Program shall obtain written consent from a  
18 student's parent or legal guardian prior to allowing the student to  
19 participate in high dosage tutoring.

20 2. If a student participating in high dosage tutoring fails to  
21 attend a tutoring session, the tutor shall notify the student's  
22 school district, and the school district shall notify the student's  
23 parent or legal guardian.

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1           3. If the parent or legal guardian of a student participating  
2 in high dosage tutoring no longer wishes for the student to  
3 participate, a student fails to attend nine (9) high dosage tutoring  
4 sessions during a semester, or a student's behavior during tutoring  
5 sessions requires disciplinary action, the student may be removed  
6 from the cohort. The performance of a student subject to the  
7 provisions of this paragraph shall not count against the high dosage  
8 tutor.

9           I. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
10 implement the provisions of this section.

11           SECTION 2.           AMENDATORY           70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-190, as  
12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp.  
13 2024, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

14           Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school  
15 district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in  
16 Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified to teach by  
17 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher  
18 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101  
19 of this title and by other law.

20           B. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person  
21 who:

22           1. Has successfully completed the teacher education program  
23 required by the Commission for Educational Quality and  
24 Accountability;

1           2. Has graduated from an accredited institution of higher  
2 education that has approval or accreditation for teacher education;

3           3. Has met all other requirements as may be established by the  
4 Board;

5           4. Has made the necessary application and paid the competency  
6 examination fee in an amount and as prescribed by the Commission;

7           5. Has successfully completed the competency examination  
8 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

9           6. Beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board a  
10 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State  
11 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history  
12 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
13 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the  
14 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective  
15 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history  
16 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible  
17 for the cost of the criminal history records.

18           C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person  
19 who:

20           1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements  
21 set forth in subsection G of this section;

22           2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional  
23 Teaching Standards;

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1           3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the  
2 requirements set forth in subsection F of this section; or

3           4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in  
4 the majority of other states or comparable customized exam and meets  
5 the requirements set forth in subsection H of this section.

6           D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for initial  
7 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current  
8 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
9 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
10 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
11 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue  
12 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of  
13 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person  
14 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the  
15 criminal history records.

16           E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to  
17 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the  
18 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional  
19 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher  
20 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

21           F. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person  
22 who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and meets any  
23 requirements established by the Board. The certificate to teach  
24 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most closely

1 aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-  
2 of-country certificate.

3 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
4 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations  
5 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the  
6 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-country  
7 certificate.

8 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
9 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma  
10 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
11 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
12 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
13 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may  
14 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt  
15 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.  
16 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
17 cost of the criminal history record checks.

18 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by  
19 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for  
20 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this  
21 subsection.

22 G. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person  
23 who holds a valid out-of-state certificate. The certificate to  
24 teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most

1 closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on  
2 the out-of-state certificate.

3 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
4 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations  
5 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the  
6 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state  
7 certificate.

8 3. A person who meets the requirements of this subsection shall  
9 have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma criminal history  
10 record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well  
11 as a national criminal history record check as defined in Section  
12 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon receipt of the  
13 Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may issue a  
14 temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of the  
15 national fingerprint-based criminal history record check. The  
16 person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost  
17 of the criminal history record checks.

18 H. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person  
19 who has successfully completed a competency exam used in a majority  
20 of the other states. The certificate to teach shall only be for  
21 those subject areas and grade levels that correspond with a  
22 certification area used in Oklahoma.

23 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
24 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma

1 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
2 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
3 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
4 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may  
5 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt  
6 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.  
7 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
8 cost of the criminal history record checks.

9 I. 1. The Board may establish new levels of teacher  
10 certificates: advanced, lead, and master. Each level shall have a  
11 ~~salary increase requirement~~ stipend paid with state dollars from the  
12 lottery funds as provided in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma  
13 Statutes. The advanced certificate shall include a ~~salary increase~~  
14 stipend of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), the lead certificate  
15 shall include a ~~salary increase~~ stipend of Five Thousand Dollars  
16 (\$5,000.00), and the master certificate shall include a ~~salary~~  
17 ~~increase~~ stipend of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

18 2. A teacher who works in a school with an enrollment of forty  
19 percent (40%) or more of students who are economically disadvantaged  
20 as defined in Section 18-109.5 of this title or a school district  
21 with an enrollment of fewer than one thousand students shall be paid  
22 a one-time award in addition to the ~~salary increases~~ stipends  
23 provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection:  
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- a. One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for an advanced certificate,
- b. Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for a lead certificate, and
- c. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a master certificate.

3. School districts may identify and designate the highest quality teachers for advanced, lead, and master certificates.

Participating districts shall submit designation plans to the State Department of Education for evaluation and approval. Districts shall have local control and flexibility in determining how to evaluate teachers and assign designations, but, at a minimum, the designation system shall include a teacher observation, out-of-classroom time, and a student performance component.

- a. Teacher observation shall be based on the district's selected Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) evaluation tool or an alternate method of evaluation; provided, the method is evidenced-based. Alternate methods of evaluation shall not replace the requirements of Section 6-101.16 of this title.
- b. Each school district that elects to participate in assigning advanced, lead, and master teacher certificates shall include an out-of-classroom

1 component for its assigned teachers to allow for  
2 professional growth opportunities while staying in the  
3 classroom. How out-of-classroom time is allotted and  
4 managed shall be determined by the school district and  
5 submitted as part of its designation plan to the State  
6 Department of Education for review and approval.

7 c. Student performance measures may be determined by the  
8 district and may include, but shall not be limited to,  
9 pre- and post-tests, summative or formative, and  
10 portfolios. The school district application shall  
11 show evidence of validity and reliability of the  
12 measures.

13 d. No more than ten percent (10%) of each school  
14 district's teachers may be designated as an advanced,  
15 lead, or master teacher in any given school year.  
16 Districts which receive Title I funds within the top  
17 quartile of individual student allotment amounts may  
18 designate an additional ten percent (10%) of teachers  
19 employed at school sites which receive the Title I  
20 funding as advanced, lead, and master.

21 Districts may use additional factors in determining which  
22 teachers are eligible to receive a designation, such as student  
23 surveys, teacher leadership responsibilities, teacher mentorship  
24 responsibilities, family surveys, demonstration of district core

1 values, teacher peer surveys, and contributions to the broader  
2 school community. ~~No more than ten percent (10%) of each school~~  
3 ~~district's teachers may be designated as an advanced, lead, or~~  
4 ~~master teacher in any given school year.~~

5 4. If a school district chooses to participate in this program,  
6 the state shall provide the ~~increased salary~~ stipend amounts  
7 indicated for advanced, lead, and master certificates in paragraph 1  
8 of this subsection ~~above the base pay.~~

9 5. School districts that designate teachers for advanced, lead,  
10 and master certificates do not have to participate in annual TLE  
11 evaluations for the designated teachers.

12 6. School districts may designate teachers for advanced, lead,  
13 or master certificates two times per year, once prior to the  
14 beginning of the school year, and once prior to the beginning of the  
15 second semester. Teachers statewide who receive these designations  
16 shall be placed in professional development cohorts and provided  
17 additional training opportunities from the State Department of  
18 Education.

19 7. After initial approval by the State Department of Education,  
20 the Department shall review and validate each participating school  
21 district's teacher evaluation system biennially.

22 8. The State Department of Education shall annually report the  
23 school districts participating in the program, the number of  
24 advanced, lead, and master certificates awarded, and the total

1 amount in state funding that was distributed to teachers from the  
2 Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund created in Section 6-190.2 of  
3 this title.

4 9. The selection criteria; designation of advanced, lead, or  
5 master teachers; and any associated ~~salary increases~~ stipend amounts  
6 shall not be subject to collective bargaining.

7 10. Stipends provided pursuant to this subsection shall not be  
8 included in the calculation of the teacher's salary for purposes of  
9 meeting the district or statutory minimum salary schedule or for  
10 purposes of calculating Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma  
11 contributions or benefits.

12 J. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement  
13 a renewal schedule and associated fees for advanced, lead, and  
14 master teaching certificates. The rules shall allow a teacher that  
15 no longer meets the requirements of an advanced, lead, or master  
16 teaching certificate to make application for the standard teaching  
17 certificate.

18 K. The terms of the contracts issued to those holding advanced,  
19 lead, and master teaching certificates shall include the following:

20 1. Advanced: an additional five (5) days to be used to  
21 strengthen instructional leadership. A person with an advanced  
22 teaching certificate shall receive an annual ~~salary increase~~ stipend  
23 of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the district's daily rate  
24 of pay, whichever is higher, in addition to the salary for which the

1 teacher qualifies pursuant to Section 18-114.15 of this title. This  
2 ~~increase~~ stipend shall be funded by state dollars from the lottery  
3 funds as provided in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma  
4 Statutes and shall be paid ~~as regular annual compensation~~ directly  
5 to teachers through school districts;

6 2. Lead: an additional ten (10) days to be used to strengthen  
7 instructional leadership. A person with a lead teaching certificate  
8 shall receive an annual ~~salary increase~~ stipend of Five Thousand  
9 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever  
10 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies  
11 pursuant to Section 18-114.15 of this title. This ~~increase~~ stipend  
12 shall be funded by state dollars from the lottery funds as provided  
13 in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be  
14 paid ~~as regular annual compensation~~ directly to teachers through  
15 school districts; and

16 3. Master: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to  
17 strengthen leadership. A person with a master teaching certificate  
18 shall receive an annual ~~salary increase~~ stipend of Ten Thousand  
19 Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever  
20 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies  
21 pursuant to Section 18-114.15 of this title. This ~~increase~~ stipend  
22 shall be funded by state dollars from the lottery funds as provided  
23 in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be

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1 paid ~~as regular annual compensation~~ directly to teachers through  
2 school districts.

3 If a person with an advanced, lead, or master teaching  
4 certificate changes school districts during the life of the  
5 certificate, the terms of the contracts required in this subsection  
6 shall be subject to approval by the new employing school district.

7 L. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the Department shall  
8 make the teaching certificates provided for in this section  
9 available for any person who has received a recommendation from his  
10 or her school district and who meets the eligibility criteria as  
11 outlined in each school district's teacher evaluation system  
12 provided for in subsection I of this section.

13 M. The funding necessary for the administration of this section  
14 shall be provided from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund  
15 created in Section 6-190.2 of this title. If funding for the  
16 administration of the teaching certificates listed in subsection I  
17 is not available, the Department shall not be required to fulfill  
18 the requirements listed in subsections I, K, and L of this section.

19 N. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
20 implement the provisions of Section 6-180 et seq. of this title.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 359, O.S.L.  
22 2022, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S.  
23 Supp. 2024, Section 6-190.2), is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 6-190.2. A. There is hereby created in the State  
2 Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Education to  
3 be designated the "Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund". The  
4 revolving fund shall be a continuing fund, without legislative  
5 appropriation, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall be  
6 under the control and management of the State Department of  
7 Education. Expenditures from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund  
8 shall be budgeted and expended as provided for in subsection B of  
9 this section.

10 B. The State Department of Education shall utilize the funds  
11 for the program outlined in Section 6-190 of this title. Funding  
12 shall be allocated to school districts to provide the ~~increased~~  
13 ~~salary~~ stipend amounts indicated for advanced, lead, and master  
14 certificates as provided for in subsection I of Section 6-190 of  
15 this title on a first-come, first-served basis until the cash is  
16 exhausted for the school year.

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

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

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