STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 1124 By: Sacchieri

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An Act relating to sinking funds; requiring rate of certain levy to be sufficient for redemption of bond in certain period; requiring a reduction of the rate of certain levy for certain period upon the redemption of certain bond before the date of maturity; prohibiting the issuance of certain obligation for certain period; requiring the State Auditor and Inspector to enforce certain provisions; authorizing the promulgation of rules; requiring the transfer of certain funds for noncompliance; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 452 of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- For every sinking fund created for bonds issued by any school district, not including technology center school districts, for which an ad valorem tax is levied for the redemption of such obligations, the millage rate shall be sufficient for the redemption of the bond and the payment of interest or judgment in the same period for which the bond was proposed by the district.

Req. No. 421 Page 1 B. If the revenues collected from the levy and deposited to the sinking fund are in amounts that provide for redemption of the bond prior to the date of maturity and such bond is redeemed below par prior to the date of maturity of the obligation, the tax levied for the redemption of such bond shall be reduced to zero for at least one (1) full tax year subsequent to the year in which such bond was redeemed. The district shall not issue any new bond, for the same purpose or by the same authorization for which the previous bond redeemed below par prior to the date of maturity was issued, for at least one (1) year from the date the previous bond was redeemed.

- C. The State Auditor and Inspector shall enforce the provisions of this section. The State Auditor and Inspector may promulgate rules and require the submission of certain documentation to enforce the provisions of this section.
- D. Any school district that does not comply with the provisions of subsection B of this section shall transfer ten percent (10%) of the allocation of State Aid of such district, pursuant to the provisions of Section 18-200.1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to the Education Reform Revolving Fund, created pursuant to Section 18-400 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for the school year subsequent to the year of noncompliance. Provided, for a noncompliant school district that does not receive an allocation of State Aid, no issuance of any bond or obligation shall exceed an amount that would necessitate the levy of a tax exceeding a rate

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    equal to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum levy rate authorized by
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    the district for such levy, until such time the district becomes
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    compliant.
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        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.
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