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Bill Analysis

SB 242 creates the Veterans Entering Teaching (VET) Act and the Veterans Entering Teaching (VET) Program to provide tuition and mandatory fee assistance to students to earn a degree from an approved teacher preparation program at an institution of higher education within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education if they agree to teach in an Oklahoma school district for three consecutive years. The bill provides initial and retention eligibility for the program. It requires eligible students to execute an agreement to earn a bachelor's degree from an approved teacher preparation program, meet teacher certification requirements, and agree to teach in a school district for three consecutive years. It allows assistance to be provided to an eligible student for up to five years. It provides for repayment of assistance if an individual fails to comply with the agreement. It allows a hardship waiver to be sought by such individuals. The measure also creates the Veterans Entering Teaching (VET) Revolving Fund.

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