

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1139

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government personnel;
authorizing reimbursement to classified and
unclassified employees for certain instruction;
imposing criteria for instruction; imposing
criteria for reimbursement; requiring approval by
employing agency; requiring form; providing for
codification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an 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 840-2.28 of Title 74, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Subject to the requirements of this section, all employees
within the classified and unclassified service shall be entitled to
be reimbursed for the actual cost of tuition, required textbooks or
other required materials, of a course of instruction offered by an
institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or
an institution within the Oklahoma State Department of Vocational
and Technical Education if the employee completes the course and
receives a letter grade of "C" or higher, or the numerical

equivalent of a letter grade of "C" or higher. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, the course description, course outline or course materials shall be evaluated by the employing agency to determine if the instruction provided in the course furthers a legitimate purpose of the agency by improving the skills or abilities of the employee. The appointing authority approving reimbursement as authorized by this section shall prepare a form, to be attached to the claim, indicating the nature of the course or instruction and the reason the reimbursement was approved.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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

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