

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2484

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; providing a bonus to
8 teachers who teach at a public school with certain
9 enrollment; establishing amount of the bonus;
10 requiring bonus to be paid by a certain date to
11 teachers who taught for a certain time at a
12 qualifying school; limiting liability of school
13 district for bonus; excluding bonus from certain
14 calculations; directing the State Board of Education
15 to adopt rules; requiring the Board to verify
16 eligibility; providing definition; creating the
17 Oklahoma Teacher Bonus Revolving Fund; providing
18 sources of funding; providing for expenditures of
19 funds; requiring expenditures to be made on warrants;
20 providing for codification; providing an effective
21 date; and declaring an emergency.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

25 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
26 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-208.1 of Title 70, unless
27 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

28 A. The State Board of Education shall provide a bonus to all
29 teachers who teach at a public school where a certain percentage of
30 the students enrolled in the school qualify for the free and reduced
31 lunch program. The amount of the bonus shall be:

1 1. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for teachers in schools
2 where twenty-five percent (25%) to fifty percent (50%) of the
3 students enrolled in the school qualify for the free and reduced
4 lunch program;

5 2. Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for teachers in schools
6 where fifty-one percent (51%) to seventy-five percent (75%) of the
7 students enrolled in the school qualify for the free and reduced
8 lunch program; and

9 3. Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for teachers in schools
10 where seventy-six percent (76%) to one hundred percent (100%) of the
11 students enrolled in the school qualify for the free and reduced
12 lunch program.

13 B. The Board shall pay the bonus no later than January 31 to
14 each teacher who taught full-time in a qualifying public school as
15 set forth in subsection A of this section for not less than ninety
16 percent (90%) of the previous school year

17 C. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of
18 bonuses pursuant to this section.

19 D. The bonus shall not be included in the calculation of the
20 salary of the teacher for purposes of meeting the district or
21 statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating
22 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

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1 E. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for the
2 provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include, but not
3 be limited to, a process by which the teacher will verify that:

4 1. The teacher taught not less than ninety percent (90%) of the
5 previous school year in a qualifying public school; and

6 2. The teacher is still a full-time teacher.

7 F. For purposes of this section, "teacher" means a certified
8 classroom teacher, or librarian employed by a public school district
9 on a full-time basis.

10 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-208.2 of Title 70, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
14 for the State Board of Education to be designated the "Oklahoma
15 Teacher Bonus Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund,
16 not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all
17 monies appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legislature.

18 All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
19 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Board of
20 Education to provide a bonus for those teachers who taught at a
21 qualifying public school as set forth in Section 1 of this act.

22 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
23 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
24 Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

2 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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