

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
3 BILL NO. 2951

By: Rogers and Coody (Ann) of
the House

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8 An Act relating to schools; directing the State
9 Department of Education and the Oklahoma State
10 Regents for Higher Education to develop and implement
11 teacher recruitment programs; requiring distribution
12 of materials; giving certain programs priority;
13 encouraging business community and school districts
14 to cooperate in developing certain programs;
15 encouraging certain associations to cooperate in
16 developing certain programs; making actions
17 contingent upon funding; providing for codification;
18 and providing an effective date.

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16 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and
17 entire bill and insert

18 "[schools - develop and implement teacher
19 recruitment programs - contingent upon funding -
20 Oklahoma Teacher Recruitment Revolving Fund -
21 codification - effective date]

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-131 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 Subject to the availability of funds, the State Department of
2 Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
3 working in cooperation, shall:

4 1. Develop and implement programs to identify talented students
5 and recruit those students and other persons into the teaching
6 profession. Persons targeted for recruitment may include, but are
7 not limited to, high school and undergraduate students, mid-career
8 and retired professionals, honorably discharged and retired military
9 personnel and members of underrepresented gender and ethnic groups;

10 2. Develop and distribute materials that emphasize the
11 importance of the teaching profession and inform individuals about
12 state-funded loan forgiveness and tuition assistance programs;

13 3. Give priority to developing and implementing recruitment
14 programs to address the areas of teacher shortage identified in and
15 the recommendations made in the educator supply-and-demand study as
16 required by Section 6-211 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The
17 Department may use discretionary funds to carry out the provisions
18 of this paragraph;

19 4. Encourage cooperation between the business community and
20 school districts to develop recruitment programs designed to attract
21 and retain capable teachers, including programs to provide summer
22 employment opportunities for teachers; and

23 5. Encourage major education associations to cooperate in
24 developing a long-range program promoting teaching as a prestigious,

1 respected and desirable career and to assist in identifying local
2 activities and resources that may be used to promote the teaching
3 profession.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-132 of Title 70, unless there
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 A. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee authorized by Section
8 1135.5 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes for Oklahoma License to
9 Educate license plates shall be deposited to the Oklahoma Teacher
10 Recruitment Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this section.

11 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
12 fund for the State Department of Education to be designated the
13 "Oklahoma Teacher Recruitment Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
14 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
15 consist of all monies received by the State Department of Education
16 pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section and any
17 donations, grants and gifts from any public or private source. All
18 monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated
19 and may be budgeted and expended by the State Department of
20 Education for the purpose of operating teacher recruitment programs.
21 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
22 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
23 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
24 approval and payment.

1 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 2 of Enrolled Senate Bill
2 No. 1038 of the 2nd Session of the 55th Oklahoma Legislature, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Section 2. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
5 revolving fund for the Office of Educational Quality and
6 Accountability to be designated the "Teaching Certification
7 Scholarship Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund,
8 not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all
9 monies ~~received by the Office of Educational Quality and~~
10 ~~Accountability from~~ appropriated thereto by the Legislature and any
11 donations, grants and gifts from any public or private source
12 received by the Office for the purpose of implementing the Teaching
13 Certification Scholarship Program. All monies accruing to the
14 credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and
15 expended by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability for
16 the purpose of implementing the Teaching Certification Scholarship
17 Program. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
18 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
19 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
20 Services for approval and payment.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016."

22 and when the title is restored, amend the title to
23 conform
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