

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1402
Version:	INT
Request Number:	6268
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Impact:	Cost with contingency on available funds

Research Analysis

The introduced measure modifies the teacher shortage employment incentive program by opening it up to all teachers holding a standard teaching certificate or an alternative teaching certificate, and it extends the commitment from 5 to 7 years. The program is contingent upon the availability of funding and will begin with the 2017-18 school year.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1402, as introduced, is contingent on the availability of funds, and provides that beginning with the 2017-18 school year, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall establish a teacher shortage employment incentive program for all students who declare an intention to serve and teach in a secondary level public school for a minimum of seven years. The State Regents are authorized to make employment incentive payments to specified persons. The measure will have a cost impact and is being reviewed by State Regents Office personnel.

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Other Considerations

The current Teacher Shortage Employment Incentive Program was designed to recruit and retain math and science teachers in Oklahoma. Successful candidates may receive an incentive payment upon fulfilling certain requirements including teaching for 5 consecutive years in secondary schools in Oklahoma. There are also eligible student loans under the program.