

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring instruction in early childhood education foster certain development and learning; providing certain learning environment; requiring educators to provide certain learning opportunities; requiring certain professional development for teachers; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 11-103.2a of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Instruction in support of early childhood education standards shall be engaging and shall foster children's development and learning in all domains, including physical, social, emotional, cognitive and language. To the best of their ability, educators shall create a learning environment that facilitates child-directed experiences, based upon developmentally appropriate early childhood practices, and intentional, sustained, play-based learning opportunities, including, but not limited to, movement, creative

1 expression, exploration, socialization, art, music and dramatic
2 play. Educators shall develop physical, social, emotional,
3 cognitive and academic learning opportunities in all curricular
4 domains, which may include unstructured time for the discovery of
5 each child's individual needs, abilities and talents.

6 B. In support of play-based learning in Oklahoma public
7 schools, school districts shall provide ongoing early childhood
8 professional development for early childhood educators and
9 administrators, which may include existing early childhood
10 professional development programs from the State Department of
11 Education.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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