

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2943

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to revenue and taxation; authorizing
8 income tax credit for certain eligible teachers;
9 specifying taxable years for which credit may be
10 claimed; specifying amount of tax credit based on
11 filing status; prohibiting use of credit to reduce
12 income tax liability to less than designated amount;
13 prohibiting carryover; providing for codification;
14 and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2357.901 of Title 68, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 The Legislature finds that health care costs for persons engaged
20 in the teaching profession can be an item of significant expense and
21 that it is in the interest of promoting a healthy workforce for the
22 delivery of education services to the students of the State of
23 Oklahoma to provide an income tax incentive to assist those persons
24 with the ability to maintain effective health care insurance
coverage for themselves, their spouses and members of their family.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2357.902 of Title 68, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. As used in this act:

5 1. "Eligible teacher" means a person authorized by law to
6 provide instructional services in grades pre-kindergarten through
7 twelfth grade in a conventional school district or a charter school
8 and with respect to the tax year for which the credit authorized by
9 this section is claimed holds a valid teaching certificate issued by
10 the State Department of Education and who is either married and
11 providing health care coverage to their spouse through the teacher's
12 health insurance policy or providing health care coverage to one or
13 more children of the teacher through the teacher's health insurance
14 policy or to both a spouse and one or more children; and

15 2. "Charter school" means a physical place of instruction for
16 students in kindergarten thorough twelfth grade, but does not
17 include any form of virtual charter school where students are not
18 physically present with a teacher in the same location during the
19 time instruction is being provided.

20 B. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and
21 ending not later than December 31, 2025, there shall be allowed as a
22 credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 2355 of Title 68
23 of the Oklahoma Statutes in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars
24 (\$500.00) for single filing status or married filing separate

1 returns or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for married filing joint
2 returns for eligible school teachers.

3 C. The credit authorize by this section may not be used to
4 reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (0).

5 D. The credit authorized by this section may only be used for
6 the taxable year for which the credit is claimed and may not be
7 carried over to any other taxable year.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2021.

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