

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1317

By: Nichols

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; enacting the Oklahoma 21st Century Community Learning Centers Act; creating the Oklahoma 21st Century Community Learning Centers Revolving Fund; making the fund a continuing fund; stating source of funds; providing for budgeting and expenditure of monies; stating purpose; requiring expenditures to be made upon warrants; directing State Board of Education to award grants to school districts for 21st Century Community Learning Centers; specifying use of grants; directing Board to establish criteria and application process for grants; requiring grants to be statewide and competitive; requiring Board to promulgate rules; 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 27-110 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma 21st Century Community Learning Centers Act".

B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Board of Education to be designated the "Oklahoma

1 21st Century Community Learning Centers Revolving Fund". The fund
2 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,
3 and shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the monies designated for
4 common education and deposited in the General Revenue Fund from the
5 tax on retail medical marijuana sales as provided for in Section 426
6 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, federal funds, donations,
7 grants, contributions and gifts from any public or private source.
8 All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
9 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Board of
10 Education for the purposes of providing grants to public school
11 districts to create and support 21st Century Community Learning
12 Centers as provided for in subsection C of this section.
13 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
14 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
15 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
16 approval and payment.

17 C. Contingent upon the amount of funds available in the
18 Oklahoma 21st Century Community Learning Centers Revolving Fund, the
19 State Board of Education shall award one or more grants annually to
20 public school districts. The grants shall be used by school
21 districts to create and support 21st Century Community Learning
22 Centers. The Centers shall:
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1 1. Assist students attending high-poverty, low-performing
2 schools in meeting academic standards in core subjects by providing
3 services to students and their families during out-of-school hours;

4 2. Implement highly effective, research-based programs to
5 address academic needs; and

6 3. Provide academic assistance along with enrichment
7 opportunities to help students graduate college-, career- and
8 citizen-ready.

9 D. The State Board of Education shall determine the criteria
10 and establish a process for the submission of grant applications.
11 The applications shall be considered on a statewide, competitive
12 basis. The Board shall promulgate rules for the implementation of
13 this act.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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