

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3564 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by  
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Mark McBride

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 3564

By: McBride and Fugate

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 698.1, which relates to teacher preparation scholarships; creating the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program; describing program purpose; providing program eligibility criteria; including payment of specified costs and fees; listing scholarship amounts for participants; specifying maximum scholarship amount per participant; modifying membership and duties of certain committee; setting minimum years of teaching for program; listing standards for program participants; providing for incentive payments after graduation and upon certain employment; providing annual amount of incentive and including incentive cap; requiring execution of certain agreements; declaring certain participants ineligible for program; authorizing Chancellor to contract with certain entities; permitting reduction in payments if funds are insufficient; allowing funds to be set aside at certain time; authorizing use of funds for program administration; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 698.1, is amended to read as follows:

1       Section 698.1 A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
2 Education ~~are authorized to~~ shall establish and maintain an  
3 incentive scholarship program and teacher employment incentive  
4 program, as funding is available, to encourage the preparation of  
5 public school teachers for prekindergarten through twelfth grade,  
6 including minority teachers, ~~in critical shortage areas for the~~  
7 ~~public schools at one or more of the Oklahoma~~ all state public or  
8 ~~private~~ higher education institutions and incentivize employment as  
9 public teachers for prekindergarten through twelfth grade in the  
10 state for at least five (5) years, to be known as the Oklahoma  
11 Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program.  
12 Prospective teachers, ~~whether~~ planning to pursue an undergraduate  
13 teacher education program ~~or to become qualified to teach after~~  
14 ~~earning a bachelor's degree in a critical shortage area,~~ at an  
15 accredited Oklahoma teacher preparation program shall be considered  
16 if they ~~have~~ graduated from an Oklahoma high school ~~with a grade~~  
17 ~~point average ranking them in the top fifteen percent (15%) of their~~  
18 ~~graduating class,~~ meet the higher education admission standards, and  
19 declare a major in an approved Oklahoma teacher preparation degree  
20 program leading to a standard teaching certificate. To the extent  
21 that funds are available, scholarships ~~of One Thousand Five Hundred~~  
22 ~~Dollars (\$1,500.00) per year,~~ renewable for up to three (3)  
23 additional years for qualified students meeting satisfactory  
24 academic progress standards in completing a teacher preparation

1 degree program leading to a standard teaching certificate, shall be  
2 awarded to cover costs of tuition, general enrollment fees, other  
3 fees, books, materials, and services provided by the institution,  
4 including room and board, in the following manner:

5 1. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per academic year for up to  
6 three (3) academic years for full-time students who have earned less  
7 than ninety (90) credit hours; and

8 2. Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the final  
9 academic year for full-time students who have earned ninety (90) or  
10 more credit hours. The maximum amount of scholarship funds awarded  
11 as provided in this subsection to any qualified student shall not  
12 exceed Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00).

13 B. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the  
14 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education create a committee  
15 composed of educators, teacher educators from the participating  
16 institutions, ~~other professionals from the shortage area fields,~~ and  
17 representatives of the public schools and the State Department of  
18 Education to ~~recommend~~ provide recommendations to the State Regents  
19 ~~the following:~~

20 ~~1. Further criteria for the selection of participants;~~  
21 ~~2. Procedures for admission;~~  
22 ~~3. Procedures and instruments for assessing the effectiveness~~  
23 ~~of the program; and~~  
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1       ~~4. Any other criteria or procedures deemed necessary by the~~  
2 ~~State Regents~~ to improve effectiveness of the program.

3       The committee shall prepare and deliver a report on the program  
4 to the Legislature on or before July 1 of each year.

5       C. Each scholarship participant, prior to entry into the  
6 program, shall have agreed to teach in ~~the shortage areas in the an~~  
7 Oklahoma public schools prekindergarten through twelfth grade school  
8 ~~of this state~~ for a minimum of ~~three (3)~~ five (5) consecutive years  
9 upon graduation and licensure as a teacher. Any scholarship  
10 participant failing to maintain a 2.5 grade point average, changing  
11 to an ~~inappropriate~~ ineligible area of study, failing to meet  
12 satisfactory academic progress standards, withdrawing or otherwise  
13 leaving school, or failing to meet requirements for licensure and  
14 certification to teach as established by law shall be subject to  
15 disqualification from the program.

16       D. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are  
17 authorized to make employment incentive payments pursuant to the  
18 provisions of this section to program participants who are employed  
19 as traditionally certified teachers in Oklahoma public  
20 prekindergarten through twelfth grade schools following graduation.  
21 Incentive payments may be awarded following each consecutive year of  
22 satisfactory service as documented by the employing school district,  
23 up to five (5) years of service for scholarship recipients as  
24 provided in subsection A of this section, upon graduation from an

1 accredited Oklahoma teacher preparation degree program. The maximum  
2 amount of employment incentive payments for any qualified  
3 participant shall be Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) per year for  
4 up to five (5) years, not to exceed a total of Twenty Thousand  
5 Dollars (\$20,000.00) per participant.

6 E. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
7 require the execution of appropriate contracts with eligible program  
8 participants. Participants failing to comply with the requirements  
9 of this section or failing to provide current contact information  
10 shall not be eligible for the employment incentive payments provided  
11 for in this section. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents  
12 for Higher Education, with the approval of the State Regents, may  
13 contract with any other appropriate organization or unit of  
14 government for the administration of the provisions of this section.

15 F. If sufficient funds are not available for employment  
16 incentive payments to qualified participants during any fiscal year,  
17 the Chancellor may make reductions in the payments made to qualified  
18 participants.

19 G. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may, at the  
20 time an award is made on behalf of the Oklahoma Future Teacher  
21 Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program, set aside funds for  
22 the full commitment made to an eligible student.

1        H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may utilize  
2 Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Incentive Program  
3 designated funds for administration of the program.

4        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

5        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect  
8 and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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10        58-2-10459        EK        02/14/22