

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3321

By: Fugate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school class sizes; requiring payment of a stipend for teachers with classes that fail to comply with class size limitations; establishing stipend amounts based on years of teaching experience and certain certification; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 18-113.6 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter, a school district shall pay a stipend as provided in subsection B of this section to certain teachers who are responsible for the instruction of a class that fails to comply with the class size limitations required in subsections A and B of Section 18-113.1, subsection A of Section 18-113.2, and subsection C of Section 18-113.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1       B. The stipends required by subsection A of this section shall  
2 be paid as follows:

3       1. If the teacher has a least five (5) years of classroom  
4 teaching experience or possesses National Board certification, the  
5 stipend shall be Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for each  
6 additional student in excess of the class size limitations  
7 established in subsections A and B of Section 18-113.1 or subsection  
8 A of Section 18-113.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

9       2. If the teacher has least five (5) years of classroom  
10 teaching experience or possesses National Board certification, the  
11 stipend shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each additional  
12 student in excess of the class size limitation established in  
13 subsection C of Section 18-113.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
14 Statutes; and

15       3. If the teacher has at least ten (10) years of classroom  
16 teaching experience and possesses National Board certification, the  
17 stipend amounts in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection shall be  
18 increased by twenty percent (20%).

19       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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