

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB245 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____
Amendment submitted by: Toni Hasenbeck _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 245

By: Deevers of the Senate

and

Hasenbeck of the House

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

[State Department of Education - High Dosage

Tutoring Program - eligibility - promulgation of

rules - revolving fund - codification - effective

date -

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 3-180 of Title 70, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Education shall establish and
maintain the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring Program for grades
kindergarten through eight.

B. For the purposes of this section:

1 1. "Cohort" means a student or group of students of no more
2 than five who receive subject-specific high dosage tutoring in
3 mathematics or English language arts (ELA) and are at least one-half
4 grade level behind in mathematics or ELA prior to participating in
5 the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring Program; and

6 2. "High dosage tutoring" means in-person, subject-specific
7 tutoring conducted by an individual employed by or contracted with a
8 school district participating in the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring
9 Program after school hours for a minimum of three one-hour sessions
10 per week per cohort. Tutoring shall be conducted during a minimum
11 of ten (10) weeks in the fall semester and a minimum of twelve (12)
12 weeks in the spring semester.

13 C. 1. Participating school districts shall assess kindergarten
14 through third grade students participating in high dosage ELA
15 tutoring using the screening instrument required by Section
16 1210.508C of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to track ELA academic
17 growth. Fourth- through eighth-grade students participating in high
18 dosage ELA tutoring shall be assessed using an assessment chosen by
19 the district to determine academic readiness for the next grade
20 level.

21 2. Participating school districts shall assess students
22 participating in high dosage mathematics tutoring using an
23 assessment chosen by the district to determine academic readiness
24 for the next grade level.

1 3. Results of screening instruments and assessments

2 administered pursuant to this subsection shall be electronically
3 reported to the State Department of Education three times a year at
4 intervals determined by the Department.

5 D. The State Department of Education shall give priority for
6 participation in the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring Program to school
7 districts federally designated for additional targeted support and
8 improvement or comprehensive support and improvement under the
9 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as reauthorized by
10 P.L. No. 114-95, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act.

11 Participation in the program shall be approved on a first-come,
12 first-served basis without any limitation other than the amount of
13 funds available for the program and the number of school districts
14 that apply.

15 E. High dosage tutors employed by or contracted with public
16 school districts participating in the Oklahoma High Dosage Tutoring
17 Program shall be awarded bonuses in the following amounts:

18 1. One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) for each cohort
19 educated by a high dosage tutor per semester; and

20 2. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each academic grade
21 level increase in ELA or mathematics that each student within a
22 cohort experiences within one (1) academic year.

23 F. 1. If the students in a high dosage tutor's cohort do not
24 improve by at least half a grade level in their tutored subject

1 within the first year of the program, the tutor shall be placed on a
2 conditional one-year term of participation.

3 2. If the students in a high dosage tutor's cohort fail to
4 achieve half a grade level of growth during the one-year conditional
5 term of participation, the tutor shall lose eligibility to
6 participate in the program. A tutor who loses eligibility pursuant
7 to this paragraph may be reconsidered as a high dosage tutor after
8 two (2) years.

9 3. If the students in a high dosage tutor's cohort achieve half
10 a grade level of growth during the one-year conditional term of
11 participation, the tutor's conditional status shall be lifted.

12 G. High dosage tutors shall be provided the necessary
13 information for each student's subject-specific academic performance
14 level, as determined by the student's current teacher of the tutored
15 subject.

16 H. 1. School districts participating in the Oklahoma High
17 Dosage Tutoring Program shall obtain written consent from a
18 student's parent or legal guardian prior to allowing the student to
19 participate in high dosage tutoring.

20 2. If a student participating in high dosage tutoring fails to
21 attend a tutoring session, the tutor shall notify the student's
22 school district, and the school district shall notify the student's
23 parent or legal guardian.

1 3. If the parent or legal guardian of a student participating
2 in high dosage tutoring no longer wishes for the student to
3 participate, a student fails to attend nine (9) high dosage tutoring
4 sessions during a semester, or a student's behavior during tutoring
5 sessions requires disciplinary action, the student may be removed
6 from the cohort. The performance of a student subject to the
7 provisions of this paragraph shall not count against the high dosage
8 tutor.

9 I. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
10 implement the provisions of this section.

11 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-190, as
12 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp.
13 2024, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school
15 district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in
16 Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified to teach by
17 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher
18 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101
19 of this title and by other law.

20 B. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person
21 who:

22 1. Has successfully completed the teacher education program
23 required by the Commission for Educational Quality and
24 Accountability;

1 2. Has graduated from an accredited institution of higher
2 education that has approval or accreditation for teacher education;

3 3. Has met all other requirements as may be established by the
4 Board;

5 4. Has made the necessary application and paid the competency
6 examination fee in an amount and as prescribed by the Commission;

7 5. Has successfully completed the competency examination
8 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

9 6. Beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board a
10 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State
11 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history
12 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the
14 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective
15 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history
16 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible
17 for the cost of the criminal history records.

18 C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person
19 who:

20 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements
21 set forth in subsection G of this section;

22 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
23 Teaching Standards;

1 3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the
2 requirements set forth in subsection F of this section; or

3 4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in
4 the majority of other states or comparable customized exam and meets
5 the requirements set forth in subsection H of this section.

6 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for initial
7 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current
8 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
9 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
10 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
11 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue
12 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of
13 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
14 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the
15 criminal history records.

16 E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to
17 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the
18 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional
19 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher
20 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

21 F. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
22 who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and meets any
23 requirements established by the Board. The certificate to teach
24 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most closely

1 aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-
2 of-country certificate.

3 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
4 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations
5 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the
6 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-country
7 certificate.

8 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
9 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
10 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
11 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
12 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
13 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
14 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
15 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
16 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
17 cost of the criminal history record checks.

18 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by
19 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for
20 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this
21 subsection.

22 G. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
23 who holds a valid out-of-state certificate. The certificate to
24 teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most

1 closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on
2 the out-of-state certificate.

3 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
4 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations
5 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the
6 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state
7 certificate.

8 3. A person who meets the requirements of this subsection shall
9 have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma criminal history
10 record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well
11 as a national criminal history record check as defined in Section
12 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon receipt of the
13 Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may issue a
14 temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of the
15 national fingerprint-based criminal history record check. The
16 person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost
17 of the criminal history record checks.

18 H. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
19 who has successfully completed a competency exam used in a majority
20 of the other states. The certificate to teach shall only be for
21 those subject areas and grade levels that correspond with a
22 certification area used in Oklahoma.

23 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
24 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma

1 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
2 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
3 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
4 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
5 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
6 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
7 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
8 cost of the criminal history record checks.

9 I. 1. The Board may establish new levels of teacher
10 certificates: advanced, lead, and master. Each level shall have a
11 ~~salary increase requirement~~ stipend paid with state dollars from the
12 lottery funds as provided in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes. The advanced certificate shall include a ~~salary increase~~
14 stipend of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), the lead certificate
15 shall include a ~~salary increase~~ stipend of Five Thousand Dollars
16 (\$5,000.00), and the master certificate shall include a ~~salary~~
17 ~~increase~~ stipend of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

18 2. A teacher who works in a school with an enrollment of forty
19 percent (40%) or more of students who are economically disadvantaged
20 as defined in Section 18-109.5 of this title or a school district
21 with an enrollment of fewer than one thousand students shall be paid
22 a one-time award in addition to the ~~salary increases~~ stipends
23 provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection:
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- a. One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for an advanced certificate,
- b. Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for a lead certificate, and
- c. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a master certificate.

3. School districts may identify and designate the highest quality teachers for advanced, lead, and master certificates. Participating districts shall submit designation plans to the State Department of Education for evaluation and approval. Districts shall have local control and flexibility in determining how to evaluate teachers and assign designations, but, at a minimum, the designation system shall include a teacher observation, out-of-classroom time, and a student performance component.

- a. Teacher observation shall be based on the district's selected Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) evaluation tool or an alternate method of evaluation; provided, the method is evidenced-based. Alternate methods of evaluation shall not replace the requirements of Section 6-101.16 of this title.
- b. Each school district that elects to participate in assigning advanced, lead, and master teacher certificates shall include an out-of-classroom

1 component for its assigned teachers to allow for
2 professional growth opportunities while staying in the
3 classroom. How out-of-classroom time is allotted and
4 managed shall be determined by the school district and
5 submitted as part of its designation plan to the State
6 Department of Education for review and approval.

7 c. Student performance measures may be determined by the
8 district and may include, but shall not be limited to,
9 pre- and post-tests, summative or formative, and
10 portfolios. The school district application shall
11 show evidence of validity and reliability of the
12 measures.

13 d. No more than ten percent (10%) of each school
14 district's teachers may be designated as an advanced,
15 lead, or master teacher in any given school year.
16 Districts which receive Title I funds within the top
17 quartile of individual student allotment amounts may
18 designate an additional ten percent (10%) of teachers
19 employed at school sites which receive the Title I
20 funding as advanced, lead, and master.

21 Districts may use additional factors in determining which
22 teachers are eligible to receive a designation, such as student
23 surveys, teacher leadership responsibilities, teacher mentorship
24 responsibilities, family surveys, demonstration of district core

1 values, teacher peer surveys, and contributions to the broader
2 school community. ~~No more than ten percent (10%) of each school~~
3 ~~district's teachers may be designated as an advanced, lead, or~~
4 ~~master teacher in any given school year.~~

5 4. If a school district chooses to participate in this program,
6 the state shall provide the ~~increased salary~~ stipend amounts
7 indicated for advanced, lead, and master certificates in paragraph 1
8 of this subsection ~~above the base pay.~~

9 5. School districts that designate teachers for advanced, lead,
10 and master certificates do not have to participate in annual TLE
11 evaluations for the designated teachers.

12 6. School districts may designate teachers for advanced, lead,
13 or master certificates two times per year, once prior to the
14 beginning of the school year, and once prior to the beginning of the
15 second semester. Teachers statewide who receive these designations
16 shall be placed in professional development cohorts and provided
17 additional training opportunities from the State Department of
18 Education.

19 7. After initial approval by the State Department of Education,
20 the Department shall review and validate each participating school
21 district's teacher evaluation system biennially.

22 8. The State Department of Education shall annually report the
23 school districts participating in the program, the number of
24 advanced, lead, and master certificates awarded, and the total

1 amount in state funding that was distributed to teachers from the
2 Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund created in Section 6-190.2 of
3 this title.

4 9. The selection criteria; designation of advanced, lead, or
5 master teachers; and any associated ~~salary increases~~ stipend amounts
6 shall not be subject to collective bargaining.

7 10. Stipends provided pursuant to this subsection shall not be
8 included in the calculation of the teacher's salary for purposes of
9 meeting the district or statutory minimum salary schedule or for
10 purposes of calculating Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma
11 contributions or benefits.

12 J. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement
13 a renewal schedule and associated fees for advanced, lead, and
14 master teaching certificates. The rules shall allow a teacher that
15 no longer meets the requirements of an advanced, lead, or master
16 teaching certificate to make application for the standard teaching
17 certificate.

18 K. The terms of the contracts issued to those holding advanced,
19 lead, and master teaching certificates shall include the following:

20 1. Advanced: an additional five (5) days to be used to
21 strengthen instructional leadership. A person with an advanced
22 teaching certificate shall receive an annual ~~salary increase~~ stipend
23 of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the district's daily rate
24 of pay, whichever is higher, in addition to the salary for which the

1 teacher qualifies pursuant to Section 18-114.15 of this title. This
2 ~~increase~~ stipend shall be funded by state dollars from the lottery
3 funds as provided in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma
4 Statutes and shall be paid ~~as regular annual compensation~~ directly
5 to teachers through school districts;

6 2. Lead: an additional ten (10) days to be used to strengthen
7 instructional leadership. A person with a lead teaching certificate
8 shall receive an annual ~~salary increase~~ stipend of Five Thousand
9 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever
10 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies
11 pursuant to Section 18-114.15 of this title. This ~~increase~~ stipend
12 shall be funded by state dollars from the lottery funds as provided
13 in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be
14 paid ~~as regular annual compensation~~ directly to teachers through
15 school districts; and

16 3. Master: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to
17 strengthen leadership. A person with a master teaching certificate
18 shall receive an annual ~~salary increase~~ stipend of Ten Thousand
19 Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever
20 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies
21 pursuant to Section 18-114.15 of this title. This ~~increase~~ stipend
22 shall be funded by state dollars from the lottery funds as provided
23 in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be
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1 paid ~~as regular annual compensation~~ directly to teachers through
2 school districts.

3 If a person with an advanced, lead, or master teaching
4 certificate changes school districts during the life of the
5 certificate, the terms of the contracts required in this subsection
6 shall be subject to approval by the new employing school district.

7 L. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the Department shall
8 make the teaching certificates provided for in this section
9 available for any person who has received a recommendation from his
10 or her school district and who meets the eligibility criteria as
11 outlined in each school district's teacher evaluation system
12 provided for in subsection I of this section.

13 M. The funding necessary for the administration of this section
14 shall be provided from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund
15 created in Section 6-190.2 of this title. If funding for the
16 administration of the teaching certificates listed in subsection I
17 is not available, the Department shall not be required to fulfill
18 the requirements listed in subsections I, K, and L of this section.

19 N. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
20 implement the provisions of Section 6-180 et seq. of this title.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 359, O.S.L.
22 2022, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S.
23 Supp. 2024, Section 6-190.2), is amended to read as follows:
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1 Section 6-190.2. A. There is hereby created in the State
2 Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Education to
3 be designated the "Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund". The
4 revolving fund shall be a continuing fund, without legislative
5 appropriation, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall be
6 under the control and management of the State Department of
7 Education. Expenditures from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund
8 shall be budgeted and expended as provided for in subsection B of
9 this section.

10 B. The State Department of Education shall utilize the funds
11 for the program outlined in Section 6-190 of this title. Funding
12 shall be allocated to school districts to provide the ~~increased~~
13 ~~salary~~ stipend amounts indicated for advanced, lead, and master
14 certificates as provided for in subsection I of Section 6-190 of
15 this title on a first-come, first-served basis until the cash is
16 exhausted for the school year.

17 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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