

SENATE FLOOR VERSION
February 10, 2026
AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1617 By: Pugh

emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 359, O.S.L.

2022, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 286, O.S.L. 2025 (70)

O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 6-190.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-190.2. A. There is hereby created in the State

Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Education to

be designated the "Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund". The

revolving fund shall be a continuing fund, without legislative

appropriation, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall

under the control and management of the State Department of

Expenditures from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund

shall be budgeted and expended as provided for in subsection B of

the section

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~~for the program:~~

1 1. To support public school districts that elect to participate
2 in assigning advanced, lead, and master teacher certificates as
3 outlined in Section 6-190 of this title. Funding shall be allocated
4 to school districts to provide the stipend amounts indicated for
5 advanced, lead, and master certificates as provided for in
6 subsection I of Section 6-190 of this title on a first-come, first-
7 served basis until the cash is exhausted for the school year; and
8 2. To support the compensation of teachers certified in special
9 education as provided for in Section 13-110 of this title, subject
10 to the stipend amounts required by paragraph 1 of this subsection
11 being fully funded, until the cash is exhausted for the school year.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 13-110, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 13-110. A. Qualified and properly certified teachers
15 of special education shall be paid a minimum of five percent (5%)
16 ten percent (10%) above the prevailing wage paid teachers of
17 children who are nondisabled do not have disabilities in the same
18 public school district. Of the ten percent (10%) amount required by
19 this subsection, five percent (5%) shall be provided by the
20 employing school district, and five percent (5%) shall be provided
21 pursuant to subsection B of this section.

22 B. The State Department of Education shall allocate funds from
23 the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section
24 6-190.2 of this title to each school district in this state to

1 implement the state matching fund requirement of subsection A of
2 this section. Funding shall be allocated to each school district to
3 provide the five percent (5%) amount calculated pursuant to
4 subsection A of this section for every teacher certified in special
5 education.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

7 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
8 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
12 February 10, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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