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February 10, 2026

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1726

By: Daniels

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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 3235 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. An institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education utilizing graduate students as instructors of record or as primary classroom instructors in undergraduate courses shall establish and maintain a formal training program to ensure such graduate instructors are adequately prepared for their instructional responsibilities.

B. The training required by subsection A of this section shall include effective teaching practices, classroom management, assessment and grading standards, student accommodations, academic integrity, and applicable institutional, state, and federal policies. The training shall also include instruction on the

1 protection of students' rights under the First Amendment to the
2 United States Constitution including the principles of free speech,
3 free inquiry, and viewpoint neutrality. The training shall
4 emphasize that students shall not be penalized or disadvantaged in
5 grading, participation, or evaluation on the basis of lawful
6 expression.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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

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