STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1293 By: Hicks

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the State Department of Education; creating the LETRS Training Revolving Fund; specifying source of fund; providing for expenditures; providing purpose of fund; directing the Department to utilize the fund to provide certain training to certain teachers within certain time period, subject to availability of funding; 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 1210.508J of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Education to be designated the "LETRS Training Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Department from state appropriations provided for the purpose of implementing the provisions of subsection B of this section. All monies accruing to the credit of

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the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for the purpose provided for in this subsection. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

B. Subject to the availability of funding, the State Department of Education shall utilize the LETRS Training Revolving Fund created in subsection A of this section to provide training in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) to prekindergarten, kindergarten, first, second, and third grade certified teachers employed by public schools in this state with the goal of providing training to all such teachers within five (5) years.

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

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

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