

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE BILL 1726

By: Daniels

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; directing
8 certain institutions of higher education to establish
9 and maintain certain training for certain
instructors; providing for contents of training;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3235 of Title 70, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

22 B. The training required by subsection A of this section shall
23 include effective teaching practices, classroom management,
24 assessment and grading standards, student accommodations, academic

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

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

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

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