

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 212
Version:	CCR A
Request Number:	
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Date:	5/21/2025
Impact:	Subject to the availability of funding; \$804,000

Research Analysis

The CCR for SB 212 restores the title and enacting clause.

Sb 212 directs the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability to create a two-year pilot program with the intent of helping teacher prep programs develop new, high-quality pathways for entering the teaching profession. The Commission is required to hire a technical assistance provider to help implement the program.

Teacher prep programs must submit an application to participate. If approved for participation, the technical assistance provider will evaluate the teacher prep program's:

- Teacher candidate recruitment and completion;
- Effectiveness; and
- Ways for recruiting nontraditional teacher candidates.

Any findings will be provided to the teacher prep program in a report, and the teacher prep program is required to submit a response, detailing their plans for addressing any findings. The teacher prep's response must prioritize creating new pathways for people to become teachers. Lastly, the Commission is required to review all submitted responses and select one to receive \$500,000 to implement their plan.

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Fiscal Analysis

Subject to availability of funding, the engrossed measure directs OEQA to establish and maintain a two-year pilot program. It directs OEQA to issue an RFP for technical assistance providers to evaluate teacher education programs within Oklahoma's higher education institutions. Once the evaluations are completed, OEQA is then directed to award \$500,000 to one of the approved teacher education programs.

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Program Mgr.	\$33,800	\$33,800
Program Specialist	\$52,000	\$52,000
Business Manager	\$18,200	\$3,640
Program Evaluation	\$0	\$25,000
Technical Providers	\$700,000	\$0
Selected EPP Inst.	\$0	\$500,000

Total:	\$804,000	\$614,440
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There is \$500,000 appropriated to OEQA in the FY-26 budget for implementation of the program.

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Other Considerations

None.

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