Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

HB 1727 modifies eligibility for the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP), also known as Oklahoma's Promise. It provides eligibility for students who are children of certified classroom teachers. It defines "certified classroom teacher" as a certified, full-time classroom teacher who has been employed as a teacher by an Oklahoma public school district for a minimum of 10 years prior to his or her child applying for participation in the program. It states that the teacher is not required to have been employed by the same district for 10 consecutive years. It excludes children of superintendents, principals, or any other position within school district administration. The bill states that such a student is not subject to the financial qualification for Oklahoma's Promise if he or she is the child of a certified classroom teacher at the time the student applies and prior to receiving any benefit award. It directs the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to verify the full-time employment status of the student's parent prior to the student receiving any benefit award.

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