

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1410

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to agriculture; requiring operation
8 of an Ag in the Classroom Education Program within
9 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and
10 Forestry; providing for development of curriculum for
11 K-12 programs in rural and urban schools; providing
12 for cooperation with certain agencies for operation
13 of program; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of
14 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to provide
15 incentives; providing for funding sources; amending
16 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1104.3, as amended by Section
10, Chapter 171, O.S.L. 2025 (47 O.S. Supp. 2025,
Section 1104.3), which relates to the Ag in the
Classroom Education Revolving Fund; modifying the fee
amount for fund; authorizing fund to receive funding
through appropriated and apportioned funds by other
means; authorizing a certain amount to be allocated
toward the Ag in the Classroom Education Program in
urban schools; updating statutory language; providing
for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-13.1 of Title 2, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
2 shall operate an Ag in the Classroom Education Program for the
3 purpose of educating students about agriculture within this state.

4 B. The Ag in the Classroom Education Program shall:

5 1. Develop curriculum for students in grades kindergarten
6 through twelve for Ag in the Classroom programs in urban and rural
7 schools;

8 2. Provide training and workshops for teachers who utilize Ag
9 in the Classroom curriculum;

10 3. Utilize existing Department resources and related programs;
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12 4. Cooperate with the State Department of Education and the
13 Oklahoma State University Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service as
14 needed in development and operation of the program; provided,
15 however, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
16 shall have sole authority over the program.

17 C. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
18 may provide incentives if funds are available to teachers who
19 participate in the Ag in the Classroom Education Program and utilize
20 curriculum provided by the program. Teachers who complete
21 eligibility requirements for the incentives as promulgated by rules
22 of the State Board of Agriculture may receive incentives. The
23 incentives may include but not be limited to:

1 1. Teacher recognition in newsletters, the Ag in the Classroom
2 website, social media, or other methods of recognition for
3 completing eligibility requirements;

4 2. A monetary award to be used for agriculture-related class
5 projects or field trips;

6 3. Entering a teacher into a drawing for Ag in the Classroom
7 resources or other items; and

8 4. Awarding a teacher an Ag in the Classroom certificate.

9 D. The Department shall directly receive all funds provided for
10 the Ag in the Classroom Education Program pursuant to Section 1104.3
11 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Department may apply for,
12 accept, and use any gift, grant, or bequest from any source for the
13 purpose of discharging its duties.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1104.3, as
15 amended by Section 10, Chapter 171, O.S.L. 2025 (47 O.S. Supp. 2025,
16 Section 1104.3), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1104.3. A. ~~Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00)~~ Twenty-seven
18 Dollars (\$27.00) of the fee authorized by Section 1135.5 of this
19 title for Agricultural Awareness license plates shall be deposited
20 by Service Oklahoma to the Ag in the Classroom Education Revolving
21 Fund created in subsection B of this section.

22 B. 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
23 revolving fund for the State Department of Agriculture to be
24 designated the "Ag in the Classroom Education Revolving Fund". The

1 fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
2 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
3 Department pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this
4 section, appropriated or apportioned by the Legislature and received
5 as federal grants or funds, municipal contributions, or private
6 contributors, and received from other sources, for duties associated
7 with this act. All monies accruing to the credit of such fund are
8 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
9 Department for the purpose of Ag in the Classroom Education Program.
10 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
11 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
12 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
13 approval and payment. All monies in the Ag in the Classroom
14 Education Revolving Fund shall be paid directly to the fund and
15 shall not be directed to any other state agency.

16 2. All monies received by the Department exceeding Twenty-four
17 Dollars (\$24.00) of the fee for the Agricultural Awareness license
18 plates shall be allocated toward the expansion of the Ag in the
19 Classroom Education Program into urban areas.

20 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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