

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1776

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to income tax; providing tax credit for teachers attaining certain years of service with a school district; prescribing credit amount and requirements; providing exception for certain eligibility requirement; authorizing the Oklahoma Tax Commission to conduct audit to determine eligibility; requiring the recapture of credit if a taxpayer becomes ineligible; making the credit refundable; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 2357.49 of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For tax year 2027 and subsequent tax years, there shall be allowed against the tax imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a credit for any individual who is certified to teach in this state and has begun teaching an eighth consecutive year in a school district in this state during the tax year. The credit allowed shall be in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

1 B. Any taxpayer claiming the credit authorized by this section
2 shall continue to teach in the same school district for the
3 remainder of the eighth year, plus three (3) more consecutive years,
4 to remain eligible for the credit. Provided, if the taxpayer became
5 unemployed due to a reduction in force by the school district,
6 death, or a documented medical hardship, the taxpayer shall remain
7 eligible. The Commission may conduct an audit to verify the
8 eligibility of a taxpayer that has claimed the credit authorized
9 pursuant to this section. The Commission shall recapture the
10 credits otherwise authorized by the provisions of this section if an
11 audit conducted shows that the taxpayer became ineligible.

12 C. If the credit exceeds the tax imposed by Section 2355 of
13 Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the excess amount shall be
14 refunded to the taxpayer.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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