BILL SUMMARY 1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 235
Version:	CCR A
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Kerbs
Date:	5/21/2025
Impact:	FY-26 Impact: \$5,276,800
	FY-27 Impact: \$5,145,148

Research Analysis

The CCR for SB 235 adopts a conference committee substitute.

The CCS provides matching funds to school districts that are providing financial assistance to employees who are obtaining standard teacher certification. Eligible school districts must apply to the State Department of Education for the matching funds, which will be provided on a first-come first-served basis. Any district that receives matching funds must submit a report to SDE with a status update on the employee's progress and their employment status.

Prepared By: Emily Byrne

Fiscal Analysis

This bill creates the Grow Your Own Educator Program to provide matching funds to eligible school districts and public school district foundations. The measure directs OEQA to administer the program and direct matching funds on a first come, first served basis.

Program cost is broken down as follows:

	<u>FY 2026</u>	FY 2027
Program Manager	\$67,600	\$33,800
Legal Support	\$44,200	\$17,680
Program Specialist	\$52,000	\$52,000
Data Specialist	\$0	\$34,668
Program Evaluation	\$25,000	\$5,000
Revolving Fund	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Total	\$5,276,000	\$5,145,148

There is currently \$5,000,000 appropriated in the FY-26 budget for the Grow Your Own program.

Prepared By: Cole Stout, House Fiscal Staff

Other Considerations

None.

© 2025 Oklahoma House of Representatives, see Copyright Notice at <u>www.okhouse.gov</u>