

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3713

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring school district to spend certain percentage of budget on instructional expenditures; providing definition of instructional expenditures; prohibiting extracurricular activities during the school day for noncompliance; defining term; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 5-128.3 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the board of education of each school district in the state shall spend no less than fifty percent (50%) of its annual budget on instructional expenditures. "Instructional expenditures" means instruction expenditures as defined by the National Center for Education Statistics, a federal entity within the United States Department of Education. If the National Center for Education Statistics ceases

1 to exist, then instructional expenditures shall have the same
2 meaning as provided by an equivalent entity to the National Center
3 for Education Statistics. Instructional expenditures shall not
4 include administrative services as defined in Section 18-124 of this
5 title or for equipment or materials for administrative staff.

6 B. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of
7 its annual budget on instructional expenditures, the school district
8 shall not provide extracurricular activities for students during the
9 school day for the entirety of the school year that the noncompliant
10 annual budget applies to.

11 C. As used in this section, "annual budget" means a plan of
12 financial operations using revenues contributed from local, state,
13 and federal sources but shall not include revenue received from bond
14 sales, the sale of property or equipment, school fundraisers, or
15 nonprofit organization contributions or grants.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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