STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2378 By: Davis

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; amending 62 O.S. 2011, Section 3103, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 121, O.S.L. 2020 (62 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3103), which relates to the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act; modifying definitions; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 17-116.10, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 270, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 17-116.10), which relates to postretirement earnings limitations; modifying restrictions with respect to postretirement employment; prescribing maximum amount of postretirement earnings; prescribing requirements related to postretirement earnings; modifying provision related to employee contributions; prohibiting accrual of postretirement service credit; providing for applicability of certain provisions regardless of certain election; providing school districts not subject to certain pretermination procedural requirements; prescribing maximum duration of postretirement contacts; providing school districts not required to rehire certain persons based upon previous employment contract; amending Section 3, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 10, 2nd Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 18-114.14), which relates to the minimum salary schedule; modifying provisions related to employment of retired teachers; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 3103, as
- 2 | last amended by Section 1, Chapter 121, O.S.L. 2020 (62 O.S. Supp.
- 3 2020, Section 3103), is amended to read as follows:
- 4 Section 3103. As used in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation
- 5 | Actuarial Analysis Act:
- 6 1. "Amendment" means any amendment, including a substitute
- 7 | bill, made to a retirement bill by any committee of the House or
- 8 | Senate, any conference committee of the House or Senate or by the
- 9 House or Senate;
- 10 2. "RB number" means that number preceded by the letters "RB"
- 11 assigned to a retirement bill by the respective staffs of the
- 12 Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives when
- 13 the respective staff office prepares a retirement bill for a member
- 14 of the Legislature;
- 3. "Legislative Actuary" means the firm or entity that enters
- 16 | into a contract with the Legislative Service Bureau pursuant to
- 17 | Section 452.15 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes to provide the
- 18 | actuarial services and other duties provided for in the Oklahoma
- 19 | Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act;
- 20 4. "Nonfiscal amendment" means an amendment to a retirement
- 21 bill having a fiscal impact, which amendment does not change any
- 22 | factor of an actuarial investigation specified in subsection A of
- 23 | Section 3109 of this title;

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5. "Nonfiscal retirement bill" means a retirement bill:

a. which does not affect the cost or funding factors of a retirement system,

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- b. which affects such factors only in a manner which does not:
 - (1) grant a benefit increase under the retirement system affected by the bill,
 - (2) create an actuarial accrued liability for or increase the actuarial accrued liability of the retirement system affected by the bill, or
 - (3) increase the normal cost of the retirement system affected by the bill,
- c. which authorizes the purchase by an active member of the retirement system, at the actuarial cost for the purchase as computed pursuant to the statute in effect on the effective date of the measure allowing such purchase, of years of service for purposes of reaching a normal retirement date in the applicable retirement system, but which cannot be used in order to compute the number of years of service for purposes of computing the retirement benefit for the member,
- d. which provides for the computation of a serviceconnected disability retirement benefit for members of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System pursuant to Section 2-305 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma

Statutes if the members were unable to complete twenty

(20) years of service as a result of the disability,

- e. which requires membership in the defined benefit plan authorized by Section 901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes for persons whose first elected or appointed service occurs on or after November 1, 2018, if such persons had any prior service in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System prior to November 1, 2015,
- f. which provides for a one-time increase in retirement benefits if the increase in retirement benefits is not a permanent increase in the gross annual retirement benefit payable to a member or beneficiary, occurs only once pursuant to a single statutory authorization and does not exceed:
 - (1) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross annual retirement benefit of the member or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and requires that the benefit may only be provided if the funded ratio of the affected retirement system would not be less than sixty percent (60%) but not greater than eighty percent (80%) after the benefit increase is paid,

1 (2) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross 2 annual retirement benefit of the member or One 3 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) and requires that the benefit may only be provided if 5 the funded ratio of the affected retirement system would be greater than eighty percent (80%) 7 but not greater than one hundred percent (100%) after the benefit increase is paid, 9 (3) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross 10

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- annual retirement benefit of the member or One

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 system would be greater than one hundred percent

 (100%) after the benefit increase is paid, or
- (4) the greater of two percent (2%) of the gross annual retirement benefit of the volunteer firefighter or One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for persons who retired from the Oklahoma

 Firefighters Pension and Retirement System as volunteer firefighters and who did not retire from the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System as a paid firefighter.

As used in this subparagraph, "funded ratio" means the figure derived by dividing the actuarial value of assets of the applicable retirement system by the actuarial accrued liability of the applicable retirement system, or

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- g. which provides a cost-of-living benefit increase pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2 through 7 of this act, or
- h. which modifies the postretirement earnings limit

 provisions in Section 17-116.10 of Title 70 of the

 Oklahoma Statutes as provided by Section 2 of this act

 and which modifies the postretirement provisions of

 the minimum salary schedule as provided by subsection

 F of Section 18-114.14 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma

 Statutes in the manner prescribed by Section 4 of this

 act.

A nonfiscal retirement bill shall include any retirement bill that has as its sole purpose the appropriation or distribution or redistribution of monies in some manner to a retirement system for purposes of reducing the unfunded liability of such system or the earmarking of a portion of the revenue from a tax to a retirement system or increasing the percentage of the revenue earmarked from a tax to a retirement system;

6. "Reduction-in-cost amendment" means an amendment to a retirement bill having a fiscal impact which reduces the cost of the bill as such cost is determined by the actuarial investigation for the bill prepared pursuant to Section 3109 of this title;

- 7. "Retirement bill" means any bill or joint resolution introduced or any bill or joint resolution amended by a member of the Oklahoma Legislature which creates or amends any law directly affecting a retirement system. A retirement bill shall not mean a bill or resolution that impacts the revenue of any state tax in which a portion of the revenue generated from such tax is earmarked for the benefit of a retirement system;
- 8. "Retirement bill having a fiscal impact" means any retirement bill creating or establishing a retirement system and any other retirement bill other than a nonfiscal retirement bill; and
- 9. "Retirement system" means the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System, or a retirement system established after January 1, 2006.
- 22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 17-116.10, 23 as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 270, O.S.L. 2017 (70 O.S. 24 Supp. 2020, Section 17-116.10), is amended to read as follows:

Section 17-116.10 A. Subject to the requirements of Section 6-101.2 of this title and any other applicable requirements of law, a member may enter into postretirement employment with a public school of Oklahoma and still receive monthly retirement benefits subject to the following limitations:

- 1. A retired member is not eligible to be employed by the public schools of Oklahoma, in any capacity, for sixty (60) calendar days between the retiree's last day of preretirement public education employment and any postretirement public education employment. For purposes of this section, the term "last day of preretirement employment" shall mean the last day the employee is required to be physically present on the job to complete the terms of the employment contract or agreement. An employee on paid leave is still considered to be employed for purposes of this section. Employment under any conditions during this time, volunteer services for the purpose of obtaining a paid position at a later date, or payment at a later time for services performed during this time period shall cause the forfeiture of all retirement benefits received during the period;
- 2. Unless otherwise provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection, earnings from the public schools may not exceed one-half (1/2) of the member's final average salary used in computing retirement benefits, or the Earnings Limitation for employees allowed by the Social Security Administration, whichever is less. For retired

members under the age of sixty-two (62) years, the limit on allowed earnings from the public schools of Oklahoma for employment for the performance of duties ordinarily performed by classified or nonclassified personnel shall be the lesser of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) or one-half (1/2) of the member's final average salary used in computing retirement benefits unless the earnings limitation allowed by the Social Security Administration would be greater than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). For retired members sixty-two (62) years of age or older the limit on allowed earnings from the public schools of Oklahoma for the performance of duties ordinarily performed by classified or nonclassified personnel shall be the lesser of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or onehalf (1/2) of the member's final average salary used in computing retirement benefits. For purposes of this paragraph, the following shall apply:

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earnings shall mean "regular annual compensation" as defined in paragraph (25) of Section 17-101 of this title, and shall include any payment by a public school for services rendered by a retired member who is employed for any purpose whatsoever. Supplemental retirement payments paid by a former public school employer pursuant to subsection 9 of Section 17-105 of this title or other state law shall not be considered as earnings,

1 the Earnings Limitation for employees allowed by the Social Security Administration to workers between the 3 age of sixty-two (62) years and sixty-five (65) years shall apply to retired members below the age of sixty-4 5 two (62) years, the limit on allowed earnings from the public schools 6 7 shall be automatically adjusted effective the first day of January of each year to reflect the current 9 Earnings Limitation for employees as determined from 10 time to time by the Social Security Administration, 11 d. the earnings limit for the calendar year in which a 12 member retires shall be one-twelfth (1/12) of the 1.3 annual limit multiplied by the number of months the 14 member is eligible to work and receive payments from 15 the public schools of Oklahoma, 16 earnings in excess of the maximum limit on allowed C . 17 earnings from public schools of Oklahoma shall result 18 in a loss of future retirement benefits for the year 19 the postretirement employment was performed of One 20 Dollar (\$1.00) for each One Dollar (\$1.00) earned over 2.1 the maximum allowed earnings amount, 22 f. for those members age seventy (70) years and over, the 23 earnings in excess of the maximum limit allowed 24 earnings from public schools of Oklahoma shall be one-

half (1/2) the member's final average salary used in computing retirement benefits. However, any retired member receiving benefits from the Retirement System who reached age seventy (70) years prior to July 1, 1991, shall not be restricted by the earnings limits pursuant to this subparagraph until January 1, 1994. To qualify for the provisions of this subparagraph, the member must be employed less than one-half (1/2) time compared to other full-time employees in similar positions;

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this subsection, a retired classified or nonclassified member who has been retired for thirtysix (36) or more months and who is employed by a public school to perform duties ordinarily performed by classified or nonclassified personnel shall be able to receive annualized earnings from the public school with no reduction in retirement benefits regardless of the amount of annualized earnings. For a period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2017, members who have retired as of July 1, 2017, as active classroom teachers, who have been retired and receiving a benefit for at least one (1) year, and who have not been employed by any public school during that one-year period, shall be cligible to be reemployed as an active classroom teacher in common or career tech school districts, with no limitations on earnings. The one-year period starts with the retiree's last day of preretirement

public education employment. Members returning under this section shall not be subject to any earning limitations following the end of the three-year period described in this paragraph. Members returning under this section shall only be employed pursuant to a temporary contract; and

- 4. A member shall be considered to be employed by a school district to perform the duties ordinarily performed by classified or nonclassified personnel if the member is hired by the school district in the member's individual capacity to perform the duties or if the member performs the duties through employment with a proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or partnership, or any other business structure that has agreed or contracted to provide the services to the school district;
- 3. For the first year a retired member is employed full-time by a public school district, the maximum compensation amount shall be Thirty-six Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$36,601.00). For all years of service after the first twelve (12) months after a member retires from the System, there shall be no minimum salary requirement and the provisions of Section 18-114.14 of this title shall not be applicable to compensation paid by a public school district to a retired member of the System for full-time employment; and
- 4. For the second and subsequent years that a retired member is employed full-time by a public school district, the maximum

compensation amount shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) and
the provisions of Section 18-114.14 of this title shall not be
applicable to compensation paid by a public school district for
full-time employment to a retired member of the System.

- B. A public school district that employs a retired member shall be required to make contributions to the System for the retired member in an amount as required in Section 17-108.1 and in paragraph 3 of subsection B of Section 17-116.2 of this title. A retired member employed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not accrue any additional service credit in the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma resulting from performance of postretirement employment with a school district. The provisions of this subsection for payment of employer contribution amounts and the provisions prohibiting accrual of additional service credit shall be applicable regardless of whether the member is receiving his or her retirement benefit or not and shall not depend upon any election the member might exercise to suspend or delay receipt of the retirement benefit amount.
- C. For purposes of this section, postretirement employment of less than one thousand (1,000) hours per year with the Governor, the State Senate, the House of Representatives or the Legislative Service Bureau shall not be considered as postretirement employment with a public school of Oklahoma.

D. The Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma shall promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

- E. A member who has entered into postretirement employment with a participating employer of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma must fully comply with all the provisions of the rules promulgated by the Board of Trustees pursuant to this section in order to continue receiving his or her monthly retirement benefit.
- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-101.6c of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A school district that employs a retired member of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma shall not be subject to any provisions of law related to pretermination procedures and the school district shall not have any legal obligation to enter into a postretirement employment contract. All such postretirement employment contracts shall be for a period of no longer than twelve (12) months as agreed to by the school district and the retired member. No school district shall be obligated to rehire a retired member with whom the district has previously entered into a postretirement employment contract.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 10, 2nd Extraordinary

Session, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 18-114.14), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 18-114.14 A. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, certified personnel, as defined in Section 26-103 of this title, in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following schedule:

MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

National 10 Years of Bachelor's Board Master's Doctor's 11 Certification Experience Degree Degree Degree 12 0 \$36,601 \$37,759 \$37,991 \$39,381 13 1 \$37,035 \$38,193 \$38,425 \$39,815 14 2 \$40,249 \$37,469 \$38,628 \$38,859 15 3 \$37,904 \$39,062 \$39,294 \$40,684 16 4 \$38,338 \$39,496 \$39,728 \$41,118 17 5 \$38,810 \$39,968 \$40,200 \$41,590 18 6 \$39,273 \$40,432 \$40,663 \$42,054 19 7 \$39,737 \$40,895 \$41,127 \$42,517 20 8 \$40,200 \$41,358 \$41,590 \$42,980 21 9 \$40,663 \$41,822 \$42,054 \$43,444 22 \$45,945 10 \$41,684 \$42,844 \$43,568 23 \$44,061 \$46,438 11 \$42,177 \$43,336 24 \$42,670 12 \$43,829 \$44,554 \$46,931

RBH No. 6236

1	13	\$43,162	\$44,322	\$45 , 047	\$47,424
2	14	\$43,655	\$44,815	\$45 , 539	\$47 , 916
3	15	\$44,167	\$45,327	\$46,052	\$48,430
4	16	\$44,660	\$45,820	\$46,545	\$48 , 923
5	17	\$45,153	\$46,313	\$47 , 038	\$49,416
6	18	\$45,646	\$46,806	\$47 , 531	\$49,909
7	19	\$46,139	\$47,299	\$48,024	\$50 , 402
8	20	\$46,652	\$47,813	\$48,538	\$50 , 917
9	21	\$47,145	\$48,306	\$49,031	\$51 , 410
10	22	\$47,639	\$48,799	\$49 , 524	\$51 , 903
11	23	\$48,132	\$49,292	\$50,018	\$52 , 397
12	24	\$48,625	\$49,785	\$50,511	\$52 , 890
13	25	\$50,049	\$51,232	\$51 , 971	\$54 , 395
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18	1	\$39,583			
19	2	\$40,018			
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24	7	\$42 , 285			

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9	16 \$47,705				
10	17 \$48,198				
11	18 \$48,691				
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13	20 \$49,698				
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15	22 \$50 , 685				
16	23 \$51 , 178				
17	24 \$51 , 671				
18	25 \$53 , 153				
19	B. 1. When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe				
20	benefits" shall mean all or part of retirement benefits, excluding				
21	the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1				
22	of this title and the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to Section				
23	26-105 of this title from the flexible benefit allowance funds				
24	disbursed by the State Board of Education and the State Board of				

1 | Career and Technology Education pursuant to Section 26-104 of this 2 | title.

- 2. If a school district intends to provide retirement benefits to a teacher such that the teacher's salary would be less than the amounts set forth in the minimum salary schedule specified in subsection A of this section, the district shall be required to provide written notification to the teacher prior to his or her employment or, if already employed by the district, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date the district elects to provide retirement benefits such that the teacher's salary would be less than the minimum salary schedule.
 - C. Any of the degrees referred to in this section shall be from a college recognized by the State Board of Education. The Board shall accept teaching experience from out-of-state school districts that are accredited by the state board of education or appropriate state accrediting agency for the districts. The Board shall accept teaching experience from out-of-country schools that are accredited or otherwise endorsed by the appropriate national or regional accrediting or endorsement authority. Out-of-country certification documentation in a language other than English shall be analyzed by an educational credential evaluation service in accordance with industry standards and guidelines and approved by the State

 Department of Education. The person seeking to have credit granted for out-of-country teaching experience shall be responsible for all

costs of the analysis by a credential evaluation service. The Board shall accept teaching experience from primary and secondary schools that are operated by the United States Department of Defense or are affiliated with the United States Department of State.

- D. For the purpose of state salary increments and retirement, no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years of active duty in the military service or out-of-state or out-of-country teaching experience as a certified teacher or its equivalent. Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of education from crediting more years of experience on district salary schedules than those allowed for state purposes.
- E. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes of certification and salary increments, all the years of experience of a:
- 1. Certified teacher who teaches in the educational program of the Department of Corrections, beginning with fiscal year 1981;
- 2. Vocational rehabilitation counselor under the Department of Human Services if the counselor was employed as a certified teacher by the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board of Career and Technology Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968;
- 3. Vocational rehabilitation counselor which were completed while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor

was certified as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a teacher in Oklahoma;

- 4. Certified teacher which were completed while employed by the Department of Human Services Child Study Center at University

 Hospital, if the teacher was certified as a teacher in Oklahoma; and
- 5. Certified school psychologist or psychometrist which were completed while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological assistant, or psychologist with any agency of the State of Oklahoma if the experience primarily involved work with persons of school- or preschool-age and if the person was, at the time the experience was acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school psychologist or psychometrist.
- F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to teachers who have retired from the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma and who have entered into postretirement employment with a public school in Oklahoma and are still receiving a monthly retirement benefit.
- G. If a person employed as certified personnel, as defined in Section 26-103 of this title, by a school district during the 2017-2018 school year was receiving a salary above the step level indicated by the State Minimum Salary Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year, the person shall receive a salary increase amount equal to the amount indicated in subsection A of this section for the step level indicated for the person, provided they remain employed by the

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same district, unless the hours or the duties of the certified
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    personnel are reduced proportionately.
        SECTION 5. Section 1 of this act shall become effective October
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        SECTION 6. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act shall become
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January 18, 2021

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Re: RBH No. 6236

RBH No. 6236 amends the earnings limitations for retired teacher who return to teaching.

The new limits are \$36,000 for the first year and no limit thereafter.

The contains an amendment to OPLAAA defining nonfiscal bill to include the above change as nonfiscal.

RBH No. 6236 is a nonfiscal bill as defined by OPLAAA due the change in OPLAAA.

I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion herein.

Thomas E. Cummins

Thomas E. Cummins, MAAA