

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2693

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring school
8 districts to expend a certain amount on direct
9 instructional activities for certain school years;
10 defining terms; requiring the State Department of
11 Education to compute and report certain information
12 to the Board; allowing a school district to file a
13 request for an exemption; specifying requirements for
14 an exemption; directing the Board to promulgate rules
15 and sanctions; providing for codification; and
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18-124.1 of Title 70, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. For the 2018-2019 school year, a school district shall
22 expend at least sixty-three percent (63%) of the total yearly
23 expenditures from the general revenue fund of the school district to
24 fund direct instructional activities in the district.

B. For the 2019-2020 school year and each school year
thereafter, a school district shall expend at least sixty-five

1 percent (65%) of the total yearly expenditures from the general
2 revenue fund of the school district to fund direct instructional
3 activities in the district.

4 C. For purposes of this section:

5 1. "Direct instructional activities" means those expenses coded
6 as instruction in the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) as
7 adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 5-135 of Title 70 of the
8 Oklahoma Statutes; and

9 2. "Total yearly expenditures" means all expenditures made by a
10 school district from the general revenue fund of the district other
11 than expenditures made using federal funds.

12 D. Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and
13 each fiscal year thereafter, the State Department of Education shall
14 compute and report to the State Board of Education:

15 1. The percentage of the total expenditures of each school
16 district in the state for the preceding fiscal year that was used to
17 fund direct instructional activities; and

18 2. The percentage of the full-time-equivalent employees in each
19 school district in the state during the preceding fiscal year whose
20 job function was to directly provide classroom instruction to
21 students, determined by dividing the number of hours spent by
22 employees in providing direct classroom instruction by the total
23 number of hours worked by all employees.

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1 E. A school district may file a request with the State Board of
2 Education for a one-year exemption from the requirements of this
3 section. The Board shall not grant the exemption unless the school
4 district submits proof that the direct instructional expenses for
5 the district have already been increased as compared to the direct
6 instructional expenses for the previous school year.

7 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for
8 purposes of implementing the provisions of this section, including
9 the imposition of sanctions that may be taken against school
10 districts for failing to meet the requirements of this section.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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