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3 HOUSE BILL 2749

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1210.508D, as amended by Section 2, Chapter
9 171, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section
10 1210.508D), which relates to the Reading Sufficiency
11 Act; requiring certain districts to provide certain
12 professional development and training; directing the
13 Department to approve certain programs; and
14 eliminating requirement to promulgate certain rules.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.508D,
17 as amended by Section 2, Chapter 171, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
18 2020, Section 1210.508D), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1210.508D A. Contingent on the provision of
20 appropriated funds designated for the Reading Sufficiency Act,
21 school districts may be allocated monies for each enrolled
22 kindergarten student or first-, second- and third-grade student of
23 the current school year, including any student who has been retained
24 in the third grade pursuant to Section 1210.508C of this title, who
is found to be in need of remediation or intervention in reading.
The allocation shall be distributed to each school district upon

1 approval of the reading sufficiency plan for the school district by
2 the State Department of Education and the submittal of a child-count
3 report to the Department that details the number of students
4 identified as needing remediation or intervention in reading. To
5 determine a per-student allocation amount, the total amount of funds
6 available for allocation each year shall be divided by the total
7 number of students in the state identified as in need of remediation
8 or intervention in reading as provided for in Section 1210.508C of
9 this title. Each school district shall be allocated an amount equal
10 to the per-student allocation amount multiplied by the number of
11 identified students enrolled in the school district.

12 B. ~~The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for the~~
13 ~~administration of reimbursements.~~ Beginning with the 2022-2023
14 school year, districts receiving more than Two Thousand Five Hundred
15 Dollars (\$2,500.00) pursuant to subsection A of this section shall
16 spend no less than ten percent (10%) to provide professional
17 development for teachers teaching prekindergarten through grade
18 five. The professional development shall include training in the
19 science of how students learn to read as well as instructional
20 materials required for implementation.

21 C. By June 30, 2022, the Department shall approve and publish a
22 list of professional development programs that are evidence-based
23 and directly address the cognitive science of how students learn to
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1 read for which districts are permitted to use the funds received
2 under this section.

3 ~~E.~~ D. If a teacher attends and completes a professional
4 development institute in elementary reading approved by the Oklahoma
5 Commission for Teacher Preparation during the summer or when school
6 is not in session, the teacher may receive a stipend equal to the
7 amount of the cost for a substitute teacher, based on the amount of
8 funds allocated.

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