

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 1038

6 By: Smalley

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8 An Act relating to teaching certification; providing  
9 for the creation of the Teaching Certification  
10 Scholarship Program; providing purpose of program to  
11 provide certain scholarships subject to available  
12 funds; directing the Commission for Educational  
13 Quality and Accountability to establish eligibility  
14 criteria; creating certain limitation; requiring  
15 recipients of scholarship to submit certain  
16 declaration; creating the Teaching Certification  
17 Scholarship Revolving Fund; specifying sources of  
18 fund; providing for expenditures; providing for  
19 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;  
20 and providing an effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-187B of Title 70, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability  
26 shall establish the Teaching Certification Scholarship Program. The  
27 purpose of the program shall be to provide qualifying teacher  
28 candidates who are seeking certification with a scholarship toward

1 the cost of competency examinations required by Section 6-187 of  
2 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, subject to the availability of  
3 funds.

4 B. The Commission shall establish eligibility criteria for the  
5 Teaching Certification Scholarship Program.

6 C. Scholarships granted pursuant to this section shall be  
7 limited to one per teacher candidate.

8 D. A teacher candidate who accepts a scholarship shall be  
9 required to submit to the Commission a declaration to teach for a  
10 minimum of one (1) year in an accredited school district in  
11 Oklahoma. If the teacher candidate does not teach at a school  
12 district in Oklahoma upon achieving certification, he or she shall  
13 be required to reimburse the Commission for the full amount awarded.

14 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-187C of Title 70, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund  
18 for the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability to be  
19 designated the "Teaching Certification Scholarship Revolving Fund".  
20 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year  
21 limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Office  
22 of Educational Quality and Accountability from the Legislature and  
23 any donations, grants and gifts from any public or private source.  
24 All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby

1 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Office of  
2 Educational Quality and Accountability for the purpose of  
3 implementing the Teaching Certification Scholarship Program.  
4 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
5 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
6 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
7 approval and payment.

8 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-187D of Title 70, unless there  
10 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall  
12 promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

13 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective January 1, 2017.

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