

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1280

By: Caldwell (Chad), **Hays**,  
**Banning**, and **Crosswhite**  
**Hader** of the House

7                   and

8                   **Rader** of the Senate

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10                   **COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

11                   [ schools - districts - budget - expenditures -  
12                   requirement - comply - website - years - increase -  
13                   terms - codification - effective date -  
14                   emergency ]

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

16                   SECTION 1.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
17                   in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-128.3 of Title 70, unless  
18                   there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:  
19                   A. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the board of  
20                   education of each school district in the state shall spend no less  
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1 than fifty percent (50%) of its annual budget on instructional  
2 expenditures.

3       B. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of  
4 its annual budget on instructional expenditures, it shall increase  
5 its instructional expenditures by no less than two percent (2%) each  
6 year until the amount spent on instructional expenditures reaches  
7 fifty percent (50%) of its annual budget.

8       C. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of  
9 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not  
10 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section,  
11 the school district shall receive a written warning notice from the  
12 State Department of Education. The notice shall also be posted on  
13 the website of the school district.

14      D. If a school district spends less than fifty percent (50%) of  
15 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not  
16 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section  
17 for four (4) consecutive years after receiving the notice provided  
18 in subsection C of this section, the school district shall increase  
19 compensation for all teachers in the school district by two percent  
20 (2%) for each year in that period in which the school district did  
21 not increase instructional expenditures by a minimum of two percent  
22 (2%). The pay increase required pursuant to this subsection shall  
23 be permanent.

24       E. As used in this section:

1       1. "Annual budget" means a plan of financial operations using  
2 revenues contributed from local, state, and federal sources but  
3 shall not include revenue received from bond sales, the sale of  
4 property or equipment, school fundraisers, or nonprofit organization  
5 contributions or grants; and

6       2. "Instructional expenditures" means instruction expenditures  
7 as defined by the National Center for Education Statistics, a  
8 federal entity within the United States Department of Education.

9       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
03/06/2025 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.