

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
2 TO  
3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1075

By: Hildebrant and Caldwell  
(Chad) of the House

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8 [ schools - Protect Our Kids Act - powers and duties  
9 of the State Board of Education - limiting  
10 authority to revoke or suspend licenses or  
11 certificates - notice - recommendations for teacher  
12 dismissal - administrators - dismissal requirements  
13 - recommendations - resignation status -  
14 expungement - supplementary information -  
15 noncodification - effective date -  
16 emergency ]

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18 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Staires

19 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the stricken title, enacting clause  
20 and entire bill and insert

21 "An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
22 Section 6-101.25, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 5,  
23 O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 6-101.25),  
24 which relates to recommendations for dismissal of  
teachers; making certain provisions applicable to  
administrators; requiring certain recommendations to  
be forwarded to the State Board of Education

1           regardless of the timing of certain resignation;  
2           requiring certain report to be forwarded to the  
3           Board; providing for expungement of certain report  
4           under certain circumstances; allowing certain teacher  
5           or administrator to retain the right to provide  
6           certain supplementary information; providing an  
7           effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

7           SECTION 1.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.25, as  
8           amended by Section 1, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
9           Section 6-101.25), is amended to read as follows:

10           Section 6-101.25. A. Whenever a superintendent decides to  
11           recommend that a teacher or administrator employed within the school  
12           district be dismissed or not reemployed, the superintendent shall  
13           state the recommendation in writing, setting forth the basis for the  
14           recommendation, and shall submit such recommendation to the board of  
15           education.

16           If the teacher subject to such recommendation is a career  
17           teacher, the recommendation shall specify the statutory grounds for  
18           which the recommendation is based.

19           If the teacher subject to such recommendation is a probationary  
20           teacher, the recommendation shall specify the cause for which the  
21           recommendation is based.

22           The superintendent shall also specify the underlying facts  
23           supporting the recommendation.

1       B. 1. If the recommendation includes grounds that could form  
2 the basis of criminal charges sufficient to result in the denial or  
3 revocation of a certificate for a reason set forth in subparagraph a  
4 of paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 3-104 of this title, or if  
5 the recommendation includes a reason set forth in subparagraph a of  
6 paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 3-104 of this title and is  
7 based on an agreement between the teacher or administrator and  
8 school district to avoid civil litigation or a settlement of a civil  
9 action unless the court orders the terms of such settlement to be  
10 kept confidential, a copy of the recommendation shall also be  
11 forwarded to the State Board of Education ~~after the completion of~~  
12 when the recommendation is made pursuant to the due process  
13 procedures pursuant to provided for in Section 6-101.26 of this  
14 title or after the teacher resigns, regardless of whether the  
15 teacher or administrator resigns before or after a termination  
16 recommendation is made, provided that the resignation occurs while  
17 the teacher or administrator is under investigation for conduct that  
18 could form the basis for criminal charges or certificate revocation.  
19 A report of such resignation including any investigatory findings to  
20 date shall be forwarded to the State Board of Education. Failure to  
21 forward a copy of the recommendation to the State Board of Education  
22 shall not be the basis for any claim or action against a public  
23 school, its board of education, employees, agents, or other  
24 representatives. If the school district forwards a copy of the

1 recommendation to the State Board of Education, the school district  
2 shall contemporaneously forward a copy to the teacher or  
3 administrator subject to such recommendation. The teacher or  
4 administrator may provide supplementary information to the State  
5 Board of Education.

6 2. If the investigation into the conduct of the teacher or  
7 administrator concludes without findings to support criminal  
8 charges, certificate revocation, or termination, the individual's  
9 report shall be expunged from State Board of Education records and  
10 written notification of the clearance shall be sent to all affected  
11 parties.

12 C. Only school districts may request a copy of the  
13 recommendation from the State Board of Education, and only if a  
14 teacher or administrator is being considered for new employment or a  
15 teacher or administrator is currently employed by the requesting  
16 school district. The State Board of Education shall notify the  
17 teacher or administrator subject to the recommendation if such a  
18 request is made and provide the identity of the school district that  
19 made such request. The teacher or administrator subject to the  
20 recommendation shall retain the right to provide supplementary  
21 information to the State Board of Education to accompany any  
22 documents requested. The State Board of Education shall provide the  
23 requesting school district documents related to the recommendation  
24 as well as any supplementary information provided by the teacher or

1     administrator subject to the recommendation, and copies shall be  
2     contemporaneously forwarded to the teacher or administrator subject  
3     to the recommendation. Records provided to a requesting school  
4     district pursuant to this subsection shall be kept confidential.

5           D. Except as provided for in subsection C of this section, the  
6     State Board of Education shall keep recommendations submitted  
7     pursuant to subsection B of this section confidential. Records  
8     created pursuant to this section shall not be subject to disclosure  
9     under the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

10          E. If the State Board of Education or a school district that  
11     generated or received documents pursuant to subsection C of this  
12     section is served a subpoena requesting disclosure of the documents,  
13     the teacher or administrator subject to the recommendation shall  
14     immediately be notified and be provided the opportunity to object to  
15     the subpoena.

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

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

Passed the Senate the 8th day of May, 2025.

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

19 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protect Our  
22 Kids Act".

1 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-104, as  
2 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 445, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp.  
3 2024, Section 3-104), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 3-104. A. The supervision of the public school system  
5 of Oklahoma shall be vested in the State Board of Education and,  
6 subject to limitations otherwise provided by law, the State Board of  
7 Education shall:

8 1. Adopt policies and make rules for the operation of the  
9 public school system of the state;

10 2. Appoint, prescribe the duties, and fix the compensation of a  
11 secretary, an attorney, and all other personnel necessary for the  
12 proper performance of the functions of the State Board of Education.

13 The secretary shall not be a member of the Board;

14 3. Submit to the Governor a departmental budget based upon  
15 major functions of the Department as prepared by the Superintendent  
16 of Public Instruction and supported by detailed data on needs and  
17 proposed operations as partially determined by the budgetary needs  
18 of local school districts filed with the State Board of Education  
19 for the ensuing fiscal year. Appropriations therefor shall be made  
20 in lump-sum form for each major item in the budget as follows:

21 a. ~~State Aid~~ state aid to schools,

22 b. the supervision of all other functions of general and  
23 special education including general control, free  
24 textbooks, school lunch, Indian education, and all

1                   other functions of the Board and an amount sufficient  
2                   to adequately staff and administer these services, and  
3                   c. the Board shall determine the details by which the  
4                   budget and the appropriations are administered.

5                   Annually, the Board shall make preparations to  
6                   consolidate all of the functions of the Department in  
7                   such a way that the budget can be based on two items,  
8                   administration and aid to schools. A maximum amount  
9                   for administration shall be designated as a part of  
10                  the total appropriation;

11                  4. On the first day of December preceding each regular session  
12                  of the Legislature, prepare and deliver to the Governor and the  
13                  Legislature a report for the year ending June 30 immediately  
14                  preceding the regular session of the Legislature. The report shall  
15                  contain:

16                  a. detailed statistics and other information concerning  
17                  enrollment, attendance, expenditures including State  
18                  Aid, and other pertinent data for all public schools  
19                  in this state,

20                  b. reports from each and every division within the State  
21                  Department of Education as submitted by the  
22                  Superintendent of Public Instruction and any other  
23                  division, department, institution, or other agency  
24                  under the supervision of the Board,

1           c. recommendations for the improvement of the public  
2                 school system of the state,  
3           d. a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the  
4                 State Board of Education for the past year, and  
5           e. a statement of plans and recommendations for the  
6                 management and improvement of public schools and such  
7                 other information relating to the educational  
8                 interests of the state as may be deemed necessary and  
9                 desirable;

10          5. Provide for the formulation and adoption of curricula,  
11          courses of study, and other instructional aids necessary for the  
12          adequate instruction of pupils in the public schools;

13          6. Have authority in matters pertaining to the licensure and  
14          certification of persons for instructional, supervisory, and  
15          administrative positions and services in the public schools of the  
16          state subject to the provisions of Section 6-184 of this title, and  
17          shall formulate rules governing the issuance and revocation of  
18          certificates for superintendents of schools, principals,  
19          supervisors, librarians, clerical employees, school nurses, school  
20          bus drivers, visiting teachers, classroom teachers, and for other  
21          personnel performing instructional, administrative, and supervisory  
22          services, but not including members of boards of education and other  
23          employees who do not work directly with pupils, and may charge and  
24          collect reasonable fees for the issuance of such certificates:

- 1           a. the State Department of Education shall not issue a  
2           certificate to and shall revoke the certificate of any  
3           person who has been convicted, whether upon a verdict  
4           or plea of guilty or upon a plea of nolo contendere,  
5           or received a suspended sentence or any probationary  
6           term for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime  
7           provided for in Section 843.5 of Title 21 of the  
8           Oklahoma Statutes if the offense involved sexual abuse  
9           or sexual exploitation as those terms are defined in  
10          Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
11          Section 741, 843.1, if the offense included sexual  
12          abuse or sexual exploitation, 865 et seq., 885, 888,  
13          891, 1021, 1021.2, 1021.3, 1040.13a, 1087, 1088,  
14          1111.1, 1114, or 1123 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma  
15          Statutes or who enters this state and who has been  
16          convicted, received a suspended sentence, or received  
17          a deferred judgment for a crime or attempted crime  
18          which, if committed or attempted in this state, would  
19          be a crime or an attempt to commit a crime provided  
20          for in any of the laws, and
- 21          b. except as provided in subparagraph a of this  
22          paragraph, the State Board of Education shall have the  
23          authority to revoke or suspend a license or  
24          certificate for only the following reasons:

- 1                   (1) a willful violation of any state or federal law,  
2                   (2) the abuse or neglect of a child,  
3                   (3) moral turpitude, or  
4                   (4) a conviction for any of the offenses or basis for  
5                   revocation set forth in this section and Section  
6                   3-104.1 of this title,

7                   c. The State Board of Education shall not have the  
8                   authority to summarily revoke or suspend a license or  
9                   certificate pending an individual proceeding for  
10                  revocation or other action unless for a valid  
11                  emergency as defined in the Oklahoma Administrative  
12                  Procedures Act. Upon initiating a formal  
13                  investigation, the State Department of Education shall  
14                  notify via certified mail and electronic mail the  
15                  superintendent of the school district where the  
16                  license or certificate holder is employed. In no  
17                  event shall the State Board of Education move to  
18                  revoke or suspend a license or certificate, emergency  
19                  or otherwise, unless the license or certificate holder  
20                  and any employing school district received notice via  
21                  certified mail and electronic mail within three (3)  
22                  days of the date the application was filed with the  
23                  State Board of Education, and

1           d. all funds collected by the State Department of  
2           Education for the issuance of certificates to  
3           instructional, supervisory, and administrative  
4           personnel in the public schools of the state shall be  
5           deposited in the "Teachers' Certification Fund" in the  
6           State Treasury and may be expended by the State Board  
7           of Education to finance the activities of the State  
8           Department of Education necessary to administer the  
9           program, for consultative services, publication costs,  
10          actual and necessary travel expenses as provided in  
11          the State Travel Reimbursement Act incurred by persons  
12          performing research work, and other expenses found  
13          necessary by the State Board of Education for the  
14          improvement of the preparation and certification of  
15          teachers in this state. Provided, any unobligated  
16          balance in the Teachers' Certification Fund in excess  
17          of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) on June 30 of any  
18          fiscal year shall be transferred to the General  
19          Revenue Fund of this state. Until July 1, 1997, the  
20          State Board of Education shall have authority for  
21          approval of teacher education programs. The State  
22          Board of Education shall also have authority for the  
23          administration of teacher residency and professional  
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1                   development, subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
2                   Teacher Preparation Act;

3              7. Promulgate rules governing the classification, inspection,  
4 supervision, and accrediting of all public nursery, kindergarten,  
5 elementary and secondary schools, and on-site educational services  
6 provided by public school districts or state-accredited private  
7 schools in partial hospitalization programs, day treatment programs,  
8 and day hospital programs as defined in this section, Section 3-  
9 104.7 of this title, and Section 603.4 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma  
10 Statutes for persons between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one  
11 (21) years of age in the state. However, no school shall be denied  
12 accreditation solely on the basis of average daily attendance.

13             Any school district which maintains an elementary school and  
14 faces the necessity of relocating its school facilities because of  
15 construction of a lake, either by state or federal authority, which  
16 will inundate the school facilities, shall be entitled to receive  
17 probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education for a  
18 period of five (5) years after June 12, 1975, and any school  
19 district, otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to receive  
20 probationary accreditation from the State Board of Education for a  
21 period of two (2) consecutive years to attain the minimum average  
22 daily attendance. The Head Start and public nurseries or  
23 kindergartens operated from community action agency funds shall not  
24 be subjected to the accrediting rules of the State Board of

1 Education. Neither will the State Board of Education make rules  
2 affecting the operation of the public nurseries and kindergartens  
3 operated from federal funds secured through community action  
4 agencies even though they may be operating in the public schools of  
5 the state. However, any of the Head Start or public nurseries or  
6 kindergartens operated under federal regulations may make  
7 application for accrediting from the State Board of Education but  
8 will be accredited only if application for the approval of the  
9 programs is made. The status of no school district shall be changed  
10 which will reduce it to a lower classification until due notice has  
11 been given to the proper authorities thereof and an opportunity  
12 given to correct the conditions which otherwise would be the cause  
13 of such reduction.

14 Private and parochial schools may be accredited and classified  
15 in like manner as public schools or, if an accrediting association  
16 is approved by the State Board of Education, by procedures  
17 established by the State Board of Education to accept accreditation  
18 by such accrediting association, if application is made to the State  
19 Board of Education for such accrediting;

20 8. Be the legal agent of this state to accept, in its  
21 discretion, the provisions of any Act of Congress appropriating or  
22 apportioning funds which are now, or may hereafter be, provided for  
23 use in connection with any phase of the system of public education  
24 in Oklahoma. It shall prescribe such rules as it finds necessary to

1 provide for the proper distribution of such funds in accordance with  
2 the state and federal laws;

3       9. Be and is specifically hereby designated as the agency of  
4 this state to cooperate and deal with any officer, board, or  
5 authority of the United States Government under any law of the  
6 United States which may require or recommend cooperation with any  
7 state board having charge of the administration of public schools  
8 unless otherwise provided by law;

9       10. Be and is hereby designated as the "State Educational  
10 Agency" referred to in Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of the  
11 United States, which law states that the act may be cited as the  
12 "National School Lunch Act", and the State Board of Education is  
13 hereby authorized and directed to accept the terms and provisions of  
14 the act and to enter into such agreements, not in conflict with the  
15 Constitution of Oklahoma or the Constitution and Statutes of the  
16 United States, as may be necessary or appropriate to secure for this  
17 state the benefits of the school lunch program established and  
18 referred to in the act;

19       11. Have authority to secure and administer the benefits of the  
20 National School Lunch Act, Public Law 396 of the 79th Congress of  
21 the United States, in this state and is hereby authorized to employ  
22 or appoint and fix the compensation of such additional officers or  
23 employees and to incur such expenses as may be necessary for the  
24 accomplishment of the above purpose, administer the distribution of

1      any state funds appropriated by the Legislature required as federal  
2      matching to reimburse on children's meals;

3            12. Accept and provide for the administration of any land,  
4      money, buildings, gifts, donation, or other things of value which  
5      may be offered or bequeathed to the schools under the supervision or  
6      control of the Board;

7            13. Have authority to require persons having administrative  
8      control of all school districts in Oklahoma to make such regular and  
9      special reports regarding the activities of the schools in the  
10     districts as the Board may deem needful for the proper exercise of  
11     its duties and functions. Such authority shall include the right of  
12     the State Board of Education to withhold all state funds under its  
13     control, to withhold official recognition including accrediting,  
14     until such required reports have been filed and accepted in the  
15     office of the Board and to revoke the certificates of persons  
16     failing or refusing to make such reports;

17           14. Have general supervision of the school lunch program. The  
18     State Board of Education may sponsor workshops for personnel and  
19     participants in the school lunch program and may develop, print, and  
20     distribute free of charge or sell any materials, books, and  
21     bulletins to be used in the school lunch programs. There is hereby  
22     created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Board, to be  
23     designated the "School Lunch Workshop Revolving Fund". The fund  
24     shall consist of all fees derived from or on behalf of any

1 participant in any such workshop sponsored by the State Board of  
2 Education, or from the sale of any materials, books, and bulletins,  
3 and funds shall be disbursed for expenses of such workshops and for  
4 developing, printing, and distributing of the materials, books, and  
5 bulletins relating to the school lunch program. The fund shall be  
6 administered in accordance with Section 155 of Title 62 of the  
7 Oklahoma Statutes;

8       15. Prescribe all forms for school district and county officers  
9 to report to the State Board of Education where required. The State  
10 Board of Education shall also prescribe a list of appropriation  
11 accounts by which the funds of school districts shall be budgeted,  
12 accounted for, and expended; and it shall be the duty of the State  
13 Auditor and Inspector in prescribing all budgeting, accounting, and  
14 reporting forms for school funds to conform to such lists;

15       16. Provide for the establishment of a uniform system of pupil  
16 and personnel accounting, records, and reports;

17       17. Have authority to provide for the health and safety of  
18 school children and school personnel while under the jurisdiction of  
19 school authorities;

20       18. Provide for the supervision of the transportation of  
21 pupils;

22       19. Have authority, upon request of the local school board, to  
23 act in behalf of the public schools of the state in the purchase of  
24 transportation equipment;

1       20. Have authority and is hereby required to perform all duties  
2 necessary to the administration of the public school system in  
3 Oklahoma as specified in the Oklahoma School Code; and, in addition  
4 thereto, those duties not specifically mentioned herein if not  
5 delegated by law to any other agency or official;

6       21. Administer the State Public Common School Building  
7 Equalization Fund established by Section 32 of Article X of the  
8 Oklahoma Constitution. Any monies as may be appropriated or  
9 designated by the Legislature, other than ad valorem taxes, any  
10 other funds identified by the State Department of Education, which  
11 may include, but not be limited to, grants-in-aid from the federal  
12 government for building purposes, the proceeds of all property that  
13 shall fall to the state by escheat, penalties for unlawful holding  
14 of real estate by corporations, and capital gains on assets of the  
15 permanent school funds, shall be deposited in the State Public  
16 Common School Building Equalization Fund. The fund shall be used to  
17 aid school districts and charter schools in acquiring buildings,  
18 subject to the limitations fixed by Section 32 of Article X of the  
19 Oklahoma Constitution. It is hereby declared that redbud school  
20 grants disbursed from the State Public Common School Building  
21 Equalization Fund shall be used for the same purposes as a building  
22 fund, as provided for in Section 1-118 of this title. It is hereby  
23 declared that the term "school districts" as used in Section 32 of  
24 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution shall mean school districts

1 and eligible charter schools as defined in subsection B of this  
2 section. The State Board of Education shall disburse redbud school  
3 grants annually from the State Public Common School Building  
4 Equalization Fund to public schools and eligible charter schools  
5 pursuant to subsection B of this section. The Board shall  
6 promulgate rules for the implementation of disbursing redbud school  
7 grants pursuant to this section. The State Board of Education shall  
8 prescribe rules for making grants of aid from, and for otherwise  
9 administering, the fund pursuant to the provisions of this  
10 paragraph, and may employ and fix the duties and compensation of  
11 technicians, aides, clerks, stenographers, attorneys, and other  
12 personnel deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
13 paragraph. The cost of administering the fund shall be paid from  
14 monies appropriated to the State Board of Education for the  
15 operation of the State Department of Education. From monies  
16 apportioned to the fund, the State Department of Education may  
17 reserve not more than one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) for  
18 purposes of administering the fund;

19       22. Recognize that the Director of the Department of  
20 Corrections shall be the administrative authority for the schools  
21 which are maintained in the state reformatories and shall appoint  
22 the principals and teachers in such schools. Provided, that rules  
23 of the State Board of Education for the classification, inspection,  
24 and accreditation of public schools shall be applicable to such

1 schools; and such schools shall comply with standards set by the  
2 State Board of Education; and

3       23. Have authority to administer a revolving fund which is  
4 hereby created in the State Treasury, to be designated the  
5 "Statistical Services Revolving Fund". The fund shall consist of  
6 all monies received from the various school districts of the state,  
7 the United States Government, and other sources for the purpose of  
8 furnishing or financing statistical services and for any other  
9 purpose as designated by the Legislature. The State Board of  
10 Education is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with school  
11 districts, municipalities, the United States Government,  
12 foundations, and other agencies or individuals for services,  
13 programs, or research projects. The Statistical Services Revolving  
14 Fund shall be administered in accordance with Section 155 of Title  
15 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

16       B. 1. The redbud school grants shall be determined by the  
17 State Department of Education as follows:

- 18           a. divide the county four-mill levy revenue by four to  
19                   determine the nonchargeable county four-mill revenue  
20                   for each school district,
- 21           b. determine the amount of new revenue generated by the  
22                   five-mill building fund levy as authorized by Section  
23                   10 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution for each

- school district as reported in the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System for the preceding fiscal year,
- c. add the amounts calculated in subparagraphs a and b of this paragraph to determine the nonchargeable millage for each school district,
- d. add the nonchargeable millage in each district statewide as calculated in subparagraph c of this paragraph and divide the total by the average daily membership in public schools statewide based on the preceding school year's average daily membership, according to the provisions of Section 18-107 of this title. This amount is the statewide nonchargeable millage per student, known as the baseline local funding per student,
- e. all eligible charter schools shall be included in these calculations as unique school districts, separate from the school district that may sponsor the eligible charter school, and the total number of districts shall be used to determine the statewide average baseline local funding per student,
- f. for each school district or eligible charter school which is below the baseline local funding per student, the Department shall subtract the baseline local funding per student from the average nonchargeable

millage per student of the school district or eligible charter school to determine the nonchargeable millage per student shortfall for each district, and

g. the nonchargeable millage per student shortfall for a school district or eligible charter school shall be multiplied by the average daily membership of the preceding school year of the eligible school district or eligible charter school. This amount shall be the redbud school grant amount for the school district or eligible charter school.

11       2. For fiscal year 2022, monies for the redbud school grants  
12 shall be expended from the funds apportioned pursuant to Section 426  
13 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. For fiscal year 2023 and each  
14 subsequent fiscal year, monies for the redbud school grants shall be  
15 appropriated pursuant to Section 426 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
16 Statutes, not to exceed three-fourths (3/4) of the tax collected in  
17 the preceding fiscal year pursuant to Section 426 of Title 63 of the  
18 Oklahoma Statutes as determined by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. For  
19 fiscal year 2023 and each subsequent fiscal year, if such  
20 appropriated funds are insufficient to fund the redbud school  
21 grants, then an additional apportionment of funds shall be made from  
22 sales tax collections as provided by subsection D of Section 1353 of  
23 Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. If both funds are insufficient,  
24 the Department shall promulgate rules to permit a decrease to the

1 baseline local funding per student to the highest amount allowed  
2 with the funding available.

3       3. As used in this section, "eligible charter school" shall  
4 mean a charter school which is sponsored pursuant to the provisions  
5 of the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act. Provided, however, eligible  
6 charter school shall not include a statewide virtual charter school  
7 sponsored by the Statewide Charter School Board but shall only  
8 include those which provide in-person or blended instruction, as  
9 provided by Section 1-111 of this title, to not less than two-thirds  
10 (2/3) of students as the primary means of instructional service  
11 delivery.

12       4. The Department shall develop a program to acknowledge the  
13 redbud school grant recipients and shall include elected members of  
14 the House of Representatives and Senate who represent the school  
15 districts and eligible charter schools.

16       5. The Department shall create a dedicated page on its website  
17 listing annual redbud school grant recipients, amount awarded to  
18 each recipient, and other pertinent information about the Redbud  
19 School Funding Act.

20       6. The Department shall provide the chair of the House  
21 Appropriations and Budget Committee and the chair of the Senate  
22 Appropriations Committee no later than February 1 of each year with  
23 an estimate of the upcoming year's redbud school grant allocation as  
24 prescribed by this section.

1 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.25, as  
2 amended by Section 1, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 2024 (70 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
3 Section 6-101.25), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 6-101.25. A. Whenever a superintendent decides to  
5 recommend that a teacher or administrator employed within the school  
6 district be dismissed or not reemployed, the superintendent shall  
7 state the recommendation in writing, setting forth the basis for the  
8 recommendation, and shall submit such recommendation to the board of  
9 education.

10 If the teacher subject to such recommendation is a career  
11 teacher, the recommendation shall specify the statutory grounds for  
12 which the recommendation is based.

13 If the teacher subject to such recommendation is a probationary  
14 teacher, the recommendation shall specify the cause for which the  
15 recommendation is based.

16 The superintendent shall also specify the underlying facts  
17 supporting the recommendation.

18 B. 1. If the recommendation includes grounds that could form  
19 the basis of criminal charges sufficient to result in the denial or  
20 revocation of a certificate for a reason set forth in subparagraph a  
21 of paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 3-104 of this title, or if  
22 the recommendation includes a reason set forth in subparagraph a of  
23 paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 3-104 of this title and is  
24 based on an agreement between the teacher or administrator and

1 school district to avoid civil litigation or a settlement of a civil  
2 action unless the court orders the terms of such settlement to be  
3 kept confidential, a copy of the recommendation shall also be  
4 forwarded to the State Board of Education ~~after the completion of~~  
5 ~~due process procedures pursuant to Section 6-101.26 of this title or~~  
6 ~~after the teacher resigns when it is made pursuant to due process as~~  
7 outlined in Section 6-101.26 of this title, regardless of whether  
8 the teacher or administrator resigns before or after a termination  
9 recommendation is made, provided that the resignation occurs while  
10 under investigation for conduct that could form the basis for  
11 criminal charges or certificate revocation. A report of such  
12 resignation, including any investigatory findings to date, shall be  
13 forwarded to the State Board of Education. Failure to forward a  
14 copy of the recommendation to the State Board of Education shall not  
15 be the basis for any claim or action against a public school, its  
16 board of education, employees, agents or other representatives. If  
17 the school district forwards a copy of the recommendation to the  
18 State Board of Education, the school district shall  
19 contemporaneously forward a copy to the teacher or administrator  
20 subject to such recommendation. The teacher or administrator may  
21 provide supplementary information to the State Board of Education.

22 2. If the investigation into the conduct of the teacher or  
23 administrator concludes without findings to support criminal  
24 charges, certificate revocation, or termination, the individual's

1 report shall be expunged from State Board of Education records and  
2 written notification of the clearance shall be sent to all affected  
3 parties. Expungement may only occur upon sufficient evidence of no  
4 wrongdoing.

5 C. Only school districts may request a copy of the  
6 recommendation from the State Board of Education, and only if a  
7 teacher or administrator is being considered for new employment or a  
8 teacher or administrator is currently employed by the requesting  
9 school district. The State Board of Education shall notify the  
10 teacher or administrator subject to the recommendation if such a  
11 request is made and provide the identity of the school district that  
12 made such request. The teacher or administrator subject to the  
13 recommendation shall retain the right to provide supplementary  
14 information to the State Board of Education to accompany any  
15 documents requested. The State Board of Education shall provide the  
16 requesting school district documents related to the recommendation  
17 as well as any supplementary information provided by the teacher or  
18 administrator subject to the recommendation, and copies shall be  
19 contemporaneously forwarded to the teacher or administrator subject  
20 to the recommendation. Records provided to a requesting school  
21 district pursuant to this subsection shall be kept confidential.

22 D. Except as provided for in subsection C of this section, the  
23 State Board of Education shall keep recommendations submitted  
24 pursuant to subsection B of this section confidential. Records

1 created pursuant to this section shall not be subject to disclosure  
2 under the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

3       E. If the State Board of Education or a school district that  
4 generated or received documents pursuant to subsection C of this  
5 section is served a subpoena requesting disclosure of the documents,  
6 the teacher or administrator subject to the recommendation shall  
7 immediately be notified and be provided the opportunity to object to  
8 the subpoena.

9 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

10 SECTION 8. 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.

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the              day of                           , 2025.

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