

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2645

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to teachers; creating a one-time
8 incentive bonus for certified teachers returning to
9 public school employment; providing source and match
10 for funding bonus; requiring teacher to have a valid
11 certificate or license; prohibiting employment for
12 specified time period in public school; prescribing
13 certain resignation of previous employment; mandating
14 minimum employment of three years; directing State
15 Board of Education to promulgate rules; providing for
16 codification; and 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 6-133 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. A public school district may offer a one-time incentive
22 bonus payment to certified teachers who return to teach within the
23 school district not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).
24 The incentive bonus shall be matched equally up to Five Thousand
Dollars (\$5,000.00) by the State Board of Education from funds
appropriated by the Legislature. To be eligible for the incentive
bonus:

1 1. The teacher shall hold a valid certificate or license issued
2 in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education and the
3 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act that has not expired or been
4 revoked;

5 2. The teacher shall not have been employed for the preceding
6 two years or longer in a state public school; and

7 3. The teacher shall have resigned his or her previous state
8 school district employment in good standing.

9 B. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection A of
10 this section, a teacher who receives an incentive bonus shall teach
11 in the school district for a minimum of three (3) years or as
12 otherwise directed by the employing school district.

13 C. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
14 implement the provisions of this section.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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