



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 5, 2021

Re: HB 2749

Signed: April 28, 2021

Effective: 90 days after sine die adjournment

Topic: *Reading Sufficiency Act*: Required Professional Development Spending

Summary: This Act amends OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 1210.580D and requires districts that receive more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) in Reading Sufficiency Act funds to spend no less than ten percent (10%) of those funds to provide professional development for teachers of grades kindergarten through fifth (K–5) beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. This professional development must include training in “the science of how students learn to read as well as instructional materials required for implementation.”

The Act further provides that by June 30, 2022, the Oklahoma State Department of Education shall approve and publish a list of professional development programs that are evidence-based and directly address the cognitive science of how students learn to read, for which districts are permitted to use their Reading Sufficiency Act funds.

Please visit the firm’s website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.