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Bill Number	Description	Gov. Approval	Effective Date
HB 1022	Allows the Commissioners of the Land Office to purchase state school lands in a manner consistent with state law. Also allows the CLO to invest school funds and other educational funds in real property. Limit is 3%: "shall not invest more than 3% of the total value of assets of permanent school funds." CLO cannot bid against private sector bidders above the appraised value of any property to be acquired.	04/22/2013	08/23/2013
HB 1038	See Booklet	04/22/2013	07/01/2013
HB 1071	See Booklet	04/22/2013	07/01/2013
HB 1117	Changes the composition of the State Department of Health's vision screening committee. Adds a position for a public school nurse to serve on the committee.	04/24/2013	11/01/2013
HB 1233	See Booklet	05/29/2013	07/01/2013
HB 1264	Extends the "Rethinking Special Education, Competency and Transition Task Force" to May 31, 2014. Also updates citations of requirements for timely payments under IDEA and data collection citations.	05/20/2013	05/20/2013
HB 1265	-Modifies provisions of law relating to the ad valorem. Modifies provisions relating to the valuation of property destroyed by specific natural events. (Requires assessor to reassess the property for that year—at the fair case value of the property—taking into account the damage. Assessors to present the reassessment to the board of tax roll corrections for consideration. -Adds wildfire as a type of natural disaster covered. - Changes "protests" to "appeal."	05/26/2013	11/01/2013
HB 1294	Adds the Oklahoma Military Department as an agency that receives the dropout report compiled by the SDE. The data is aggregated, tabulated by grade and school district.	04/29/2013	04/29/2013
HB 1303	Amends section of law relating to successful completion of reading proficiency test and driver's license. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) who has completed a reading proficiency test in another state may submit test results to SDE for verification and approval. Directs SDE to establish a process for application; requires SDE to verify and approve application and obtain documentation if necessary.	05/29/2013	11/01/2013

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HB 1335	NEW LAW: Allows a teacher candidate to obtain a full refund from a testing company for a competency examination IF the teacher took a subsequent competency examination while waiting on previous examination scores—and successful passed the previous examination.	04/24/2013	11/01/2013
HB 1385	Clean-Up bill that removes specific references to former performance indicator phrases and replaces with broader terms that will be applicable regardless of the method in which school performance is being calculated. (Removes: “API”; “School Improvement List”; “Low Performing Schools”; “High Challenge Schools,” etc . . .) (Replaces with more broad terms: “school identified as in need improvement.”)	04/22/2013	07/01/2013
HB 1397	See Booklet	05/13/2013	11/01/2013
HB 1422	See Booklet	04/22/2013	04/22/2013
HB 1431	See Booklet	04/23/2013	07/01/2013
HB 1511	See Booklet	04/12/2013	04/12/2013
HB 1528	No teacher shall be hired on a temporary contract by a school district for more than four (4) semesters <u>or on multiple temporary contracts that are together for more than four semesters.</u>	04/22/2013	07/01/2013
HB 1622	A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto a private school property or in any bus or vehicle <u>used</u> by any private school for transportation of students and teachers. Carrier must be licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self Defense Act. <u>Governing entity of the private school must adopt a policy that authorizes the carrying and possession of a weapon on private school property or in the bus/vehicle.</u> Limited immunity for private school.	05/29/2013	11/01/2013
HB 1658	See Booklet	05/24/2013	08/23/2013
HB 1660	See Booklet	05/31/2013	08/23/2013
HB 1661	See Booklet	05/20/2013	08/23/2013
HB 1699	Recreates the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board—until July 1, 2017.	04/15/2013	08/23/2013
HB 1756	See Booklet	04/23/2013	04/23/2013
HB 1757	Adds district boards of education to employers who are required to pay all wages due employees. New law allows districts/technology centers to contract with and pay all support employees on a monthly, semimonthly or biweekly basis over ten, eleven or 12 calendar months. (Also allows fraction payments in the	04/15/2013	07/01/2013

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	same manner as permitted for teachers in accordance with 70 O.S. 6-106)		
HB 1989	See Booklet	05/29/2013	07/01/2013
HB 2048	Amends administration requirements of the State Public Common School Building Fund. Removes “proceeds” language derived from CLO. Adds charter school as entities who qualify to receive money from the Common School Building Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -For Charters, the fund shall only be used to acquire buildings in which students are enrolled and will be attending. (Physically attending). -Grants shall be awarded only to charter schools which have secured matching funds for specific purpose of acquiring buildings in an amount of not less than 10% of the total grant amount. -Increases amount of grants—applicable to all schools. 	05/14/2013	08/23/2013
HB 2052	- Allows character education program to be taught in any single grade OR in a combination of grades. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extends eligibility to Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade - Directs SDE to develop a website that provides resources to school districts. - Amends grant program to include character education program that aligns with curriculum in reading, mathematics, science or social studies. Must demonstrate how character education teaches life skills that lead to career readiness. (Grant program subject to availability of funding.) 	04/26/2013	07/01/2013
HB 2055	-Eliminates requirement for gubernatorial approval/disapproval of proposed permanent rules following adoption of the rules. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rules must still be filed with the Governor within 10 days after adoption. -Replaces current legislative approval/disapproval procedures, including the special provisions for Title 59 rules and fees, with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -If proposed permanent rules are filed with the Legislature by April 1, they will be deemed to be disapproved if not actively approved prior to sine die adjournment of the SAME legislative session. -If proposed permanent rules are filed with the Legislature after April 1, they will be deemed to be disapproved if not actively approved prior to sine die adjournment of the 	5/29/2013	11/1/2013

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NEXT legislative session.

-Proposed permanent rules can be actively approved pursuant to one of the following:

-Approval by joint resolution that has been signed by the Governor or, if vetoed, the veto has been overridden by Legislature;

- OR -

-Approval by "omnibus legislation." This omnibus legislation will be in the form of a joint resolution stating that "All proposed permanent rules of Oklahoma state agencies filed on or before April 1 are hereby approved except for the following:" The joint resolution must be signed by the Governor or, if vetoed, the veto must be overridden by the Legislature;

- OR -

-Approval by "Governor's declaration" reversing the Legislature's disapproval of a rule or rules in the omnibus joint resolution, if the Governor finds, based on an agency petition, that the necessity for the rule exists and the agency has the authority to make the rule. The agency must submit a petition that "affirmatively states . . . the rule is necessary, and . . . a citation to the source of its authority to make the rule." The Governor's Declaration must be published in the Register no later than July 17.

- OR -

-Approval by the Governor's successful veto of a joint resolution or omnibus joint resolution disapproving rules.

- Extends expiration date of emergency rules from July 14 to September 14 - i.e., "emergency rules in effect on the first day of the session shall be null and void on September 15 following sine die adjournment of the Legislature," if not already superseded by permanent rules.

- Specifically authorizes the SOS to "promulgate emergency rules to establish separate filing deadlines and review periods for finally adopted rules and to carry out the provisions of this act."

HB 2131	See Booklet	05/20/2013	08/23/2013
HB 2079	Amends statutes governing Teacher Retirement System. Substantially amends definitions of "Regular annual compensation." Adds new definitions, but specifically excludes:	04/22/2013	11/01/2013

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- Expense reimbursement payments
- Office/Vehicle/Housing allowances
- FBA allowance provided by SDE
- Payment for unused vacation and sick leave
- Payment made for reason of termination or retirement
- Maintenance or other nonmonetary compensation
- Payment for serving as consultant/contractor
- Other benefit payments
- Any other compensation not defined (See cite).

*Also redefines "Retirement Contract"
 Removes statutory allocation of those retiring before normal retirement age. **Defers to factors adopted by the Board of Trustees.

HB 2101	See Booklet	05/31/2013	11/01/2013
HB 2160	If a school district initiates a civil proceeding against a current or former student enrolled in the district OR against the parent or guardian of the student, AND the district does not prevail, the court shall enter an order awarding court costs and reasonable fees to the student/parent/guardian.	04/29/2013	08/23/2013
SB 91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An elector who is elected or appointed to a school district board of education prior to Jan. 1, 2014, shall obtain instruction on education issues in accordance with rules promulgated by SBE. - The twelve hours of instruction required of newly appointed members or electors who declared candidacy shall include but not be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School Finance – 1 hr. pledge in writing - Employment and Due Process, - New laws -Open Records Act- 1 hr. pledge in writing -Open Meeting Act- 1 hr. pledge in writing -Special Education -Ethics – 1 hr. pledge in writing - Six hour instruction requirement for incumbents shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School finance – 1 hr. -Open Records Act – 1 hr. -Open Meeting Act – 1 hr. -Ethics – 1 hr. 	4/10/13	7/1/2013
SB 169	See Booklet	4/22/2013	7/1/2013

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SB 170	See Booklet	4/8/2013	7/1/2013
SB 199	See Booklet	4/8/2013	7/1/2013
SB 207	See Booklet	4/8/2013	7/1/2013
SB 226	See Booklet	5/29/13	8/23/2013
SB 244	Exempts certain individuals from obtaining background checks. Any person who has been employed as a full-time teacher in a school district in Oklahoma, and applies for employment as full-time teacher in another district in Oklahoma, may not be required to have a national criminal history check <u>if the teacher produces a copy of the national criminal history record check completed within the previous five (5) years. To meet exception teacher must also produce letter from school district where teacher was employed stating that the teacher left in good standing.</u>	4/12/2013	8/23/2013
SB 251	Grants the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf as LEA's <u>only</u> for purposes of administering and obtaining test results for students attending their schools.	4/8/2013	7/1/2013
SB 256	See Booklet	4/17/2013	7/1/2013
SB 257	New law that creates the Oklahoma School Security Institute. The Institute shall act as a central repository for the public and private elementary and secondary schools in the state. Resources made available to school to enhance security and assess risks and threats to school campuses. Bill defines specific duties of Institute.	4/17/2013	7/1/2013
SB 258	Amends section of law relating to protection plans implemented/adopted by school districts. <u>Requires district to provide plans, which are updated annually, to first responders. (Police, fire, EMS, sheriff and emergency management in the appropriate jurisdiction.) Must be submitted by Nov. 1 of each year.</u>	4/17/2013	7/1/2013
SB 259	Amends reporting requirements of firearms on school grounds. Every school authority shall report the discovery of a firearm not otherwise permitted by law to the appropriate law enforcement agency. **Every school authority shall immediately report the discovery of a firearm upon a student that is not a minor or upon any other person unauthorized to possess firearm. ***District shall deliver a weapon or firearm removed or seized to a law enforcement authority.	4/17/2013	7/1/2013

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SB 267	See Booklet	5/7/2013	9/1/2013
SB 280	See Booklet	4/30/2013	11/1/2013
SB 283	See Booklet	5/13/2013	7/1/2013
SB 419	Redefines “educationally appropriate” definition as relates to the provision of supplemental online courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Educationally appropriate” means “any instruction that is not substantially a repeat of a course or a portion of a course that the student has successfully completed, regardless of the grade of the student, and regardless of the grade of the student, and regardless of whether a course is similar to or identical to the instruction that is currently offered in the school district.” 	5/6/2013	7/1/2013
SB 426	See Booklet	5/29/2013	8/23/2013
SB 461	Allows public entities to enter into “purchasing cooperatives” which is defined as an “association of public entities working together to provide leverage in achieving best value and/or the best terms in contracts awarded through a competitive bidding process.” *Places certain restrictions on the spending of “purchasing cooperatives” in awarding construction contracts. **Places certain restrictions upon the entity in awarding certain contracts.	4/30/2013	11/1/2013
SB 559	See Booklet	5/31/2013	8/23/2013
SB 630	Act relating to competitive bidding process. In addition to current statutory standards, any bidder or anyone subject to the bidder’s direction must attest that they have not been a party to “any effort or offers with state agency or political subdivision officials or others to create a sole brand acquisition or a sole source acquisition in contradiction” to Section 2 of the act. **Enacts new laws relating to sole source contracts. Requires OMES to promulgate rules to enact law.	5/7/2013	5/7/2013
SB 759	See Booklet	5/14/2013	11/1/2013
SB 847	Creates a revolving fund for OMES to be designated the “Oklahoma Pension Stabilization Fund.” OMES shall transfer to this account any funds that are in excess of the funds required to be deposited in the Constitutional Reserve Fund	5/6/2013	8/23/2013

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of the State of Oklahoma for the immediate fiscal year.

*If one or more state pension systems have a funded ratio of less than ninety percent (90%), the Pension Stabilization Fund shall be allocated, by legislative appropriation, to reduce the unfunded liability of any one or any combination of state pension systems.

SB 864	Taxpayers appealing a final order of the Tax Commission assessing a tax or an additional tax or a denial of a claim for a refund may file in district court. Sets standards for hearing (Jury/Judge), and establishes appeal to Supreme Court.	5/14/2013	1/1/2014
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