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# LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



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## **Apprenticeships & Workforce Pathways**

- Create an LPN to RN apprenticeship pilot program.

## **Educator Workforce & Professional Protection**

- Develop teacher retention and recruiting programs.
- Support changes to the Teacher Retirement System that attract and retain teachers.
- Authorize ODCTE to provide a public retirement option in addition to the Teacher Retirement System.
- Protect teachers by ensuring reports of student/teacher communications are not placed in personnel files until a finding of guilt is established.

## **Student Outcomes & Program Integrity**

- Protect graduation requirements.

## **Funding, Finance & Fiscal Stability**

- Support appropriating money from the Legacy Fund for CareerTech expansion.
- Protect the Oklahoma Ad Valorem funding system.
- Support Technology Centers' ability to charge credit card fees to the consumer.

## **Governance, Authority & Accountability**

- Support ODCTE's efforts to obtain full accreditation for Technology Centers.
- Establish ODCTE as the governing authority for all state apprenticeship programs.
- Authorize ODCTE the ability to retain outside counsel.

## **Policy Definitions & Communication Clarity**

- Establish a definition of "adult students" for communication purposes.
- Establish a definition of "emergency" for communication purposes.





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# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

**FY27**

**FY26 General Appropriation** **\$175,562,874**

➤ **Meet the statutory requirement of funding the flex benefit allowance for the technology centers (Title 70. Schools §70-26-104)** **\$1,300,000**  
(tentative)

➤ **Workforce Training** **\$31,650,000**  
Investment to meet the increased need for a trained workforce, by increasing full-time program enrollments by 10,000 over the next five years  
» \$41,650,000 minus \$10,000,000

➤ **K-12 CareerTech Program Support** **\$5,500,000**  
Increase support to growing number of new K-12 CTE programs Increase supplement for K-12 CTE instructors for additional reporting requirements

➤ **Technology Center Expansion Incentive** **\$10,000,000**  
Allocations available to technology centers to expand services into areas of Oklahoma not currently served by a technology center (a one-time request)

➤ **Career Exploration** **\$20,000,000**  
Allocations for technology center districts to expand services for career exploration

**Total FY27 Appropriations Increase Requested** **\$68,450,000**

**TOTAL FY27 Appropriations Request** **\$244,012,874**