

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**EDUCATION**  
— CHAMPION EXCELLENCE —

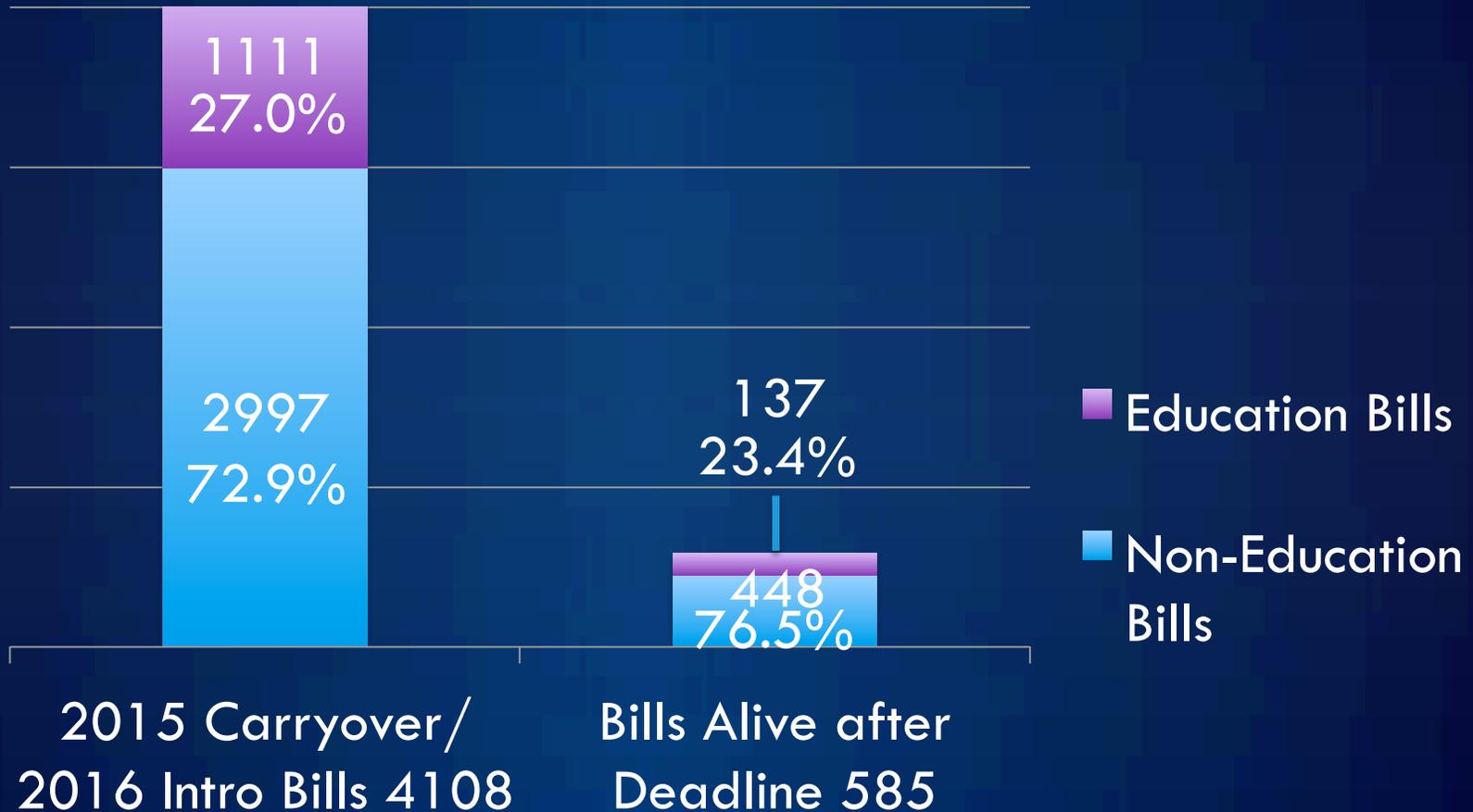
Legislative Update

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# 2016 Bill Statistics



# Legislative Deadlines

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- ✓ January 21 – Bill Introduction Deadline
- ✓ February 1 – Session Convenes
- ✓ February 26 – Bills Reported out of Committee
- ✓ March 10 – Third Reading of Bills
- April 1 – Fully Fund Common Education (62 OS 34.86)
- ✓ April 8 – Bills Reported out of Committee (opposite chamber)
- ✓ April 21 – Third Reading of Bills (opposite chamber)  
--Conference Committee--
- May 27 – Sine Die



# Teacher Shortage

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## Support Teachers

- HB 2371 – Allows retired teachers as mentors
  - Signed by Governor

## Remove Barriers to Entry

- SB 1038 – Scholarship fund for certification testing
  - Signed by Governor
- HB 2946 – Expands Oklahoma's reciprocity
- HB 3025 – Greater access to alt. certification path
- HB 3102 – Increases the hours an adjunct teacher can teach
  - Signed by Governor

# Teacher Shortage

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## Recruit and Incentivize

- HB2314 – Increased flexibility for incentive pay
- HB 2951 – Creates a teacher recruitment program
- HB 2967 – Allow districts to pay a stipend to a student teacher
- HB 3114 – Empowering Teachers to Lead Act, sets up a framework of career paths, leadership roles and differential compensation

# Red Tape Task Force

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- HB 2544 – Changes date of school hours policies report to be in line with other reports, and eliminates unnecessary reporting.
  - Signed by Governor
- HB 2649 – Allows for districts to have two school days in 24 hours for parent teacher conferences without coming to State Board.
  - Signed by Governor
- SB 1004 – Changes requirement for district dropout reporting from quarterly to annual.
  - Signed by Governor

# Evaluations, Accountability

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## Teacher Leader Effectiveness

- HB 2957 – Removes value added requirement of TLE, and replaces quantitative evaluation with a required professional development component.

## School Improvement

- SB 1431 – Updates school improvement models based on new ESSA requirements allowing for locally developed, evidence-based intervention models with option for State intervention without improvement.

– Signed by Governor

# Assessments

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- HB 2527– Eliminate EOIs and directs the Board to adopt assessments in compliance with ESSA
- HB 2134 – Maintains current system of EOIs, but eliminates them as a requirement for graduation. Requires a study of grad requirements and the current testing program.



# District Policies

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- HB 2535 – Allows schools to enter into agreements for apprenticeships, internships and mentorships and be counted for elective credit. Requires Board to promulgate rules.
- HB 3156 – Allows districts with grades of A, B, C to adopt a district empowerment plan without State Board approval.
- SB 911 – Allows districts to adopt policies requiring students to perform campus-site service for violating the district's discipline policy.



# Funding/Finances

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- HB2525 and SB 933 – Extend moratorium on accreditation penalties until a time at which the state funding factors return to \$3,291.60. SB 933 amended to require any school district seeking flexibility for textbook funding to demonstrate their materials are appropriate.
- HB 3115 – Modifies definition of textbook to include technological devices.
  - Signed by Governor

# Funding/Finances

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- HB 3157 - Allows districts to access funds from the School Consolidation Assistance Fund for shared services.
- SB 1264 – Requires districts to submit their financials quarterly to SDE through OCAS, rather than annually
- SB 1535 – Creates a task force to study the amount of money that goes to classrooms, including funding formula, mandates, administration expenses