

ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

Red Banner Update

Date: April 1, 2024

Re: HB 2260

Signed: March 26, 2024

Effective: 90 days Sine Die Adjournment (currently scheduled for May 31, 2024)

Topic: Teacher Dismissal

Summary: This bill amends existing law (70 O.S. § 6-101.25) regarding superintendent recommendations for dismissal or nonreemployment of a teacher. The bill revises current law which requires a district to provide certain recommendations to the State Board of Education. Now, any recommendation which includes a reason set forth in subparagraph a of paragraph 6 of subsection A of Section 3-104 (Section 3-104 pertains to any person convicted or who has received a suspended sentence or any probationary term for a crime or an attempt to commit a crime involving sexual abuse or sexual exploitation), and is based on an agreement between the teacher and school district to avoid civil litigation or a settlement of a civil action must be provided to the State Board of Education as well, unless the court orders the terms of such settlement to be kept confidential.

Legal counsel at the firm is currently reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.