BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1935 creates the Parental Choice Tax Credit Act which provides an income tax credit to a student's parent or guardian for qualified educational expenses. Qualified expenses include tuition to a private school or nonpublic online learning program, tutoring services, instructional materials, college admission tests, and tuition and fees for concurrent enrollment. Any student who is eligible to enroll in a public school can qualify for the tax credit, but the student may not be enrolled in a public school full-time and receive a tax credit.

The credit for students attending private school is capped at \$5,000 per student, per year. It is capped at \$2,500 per student, per year, for those educated by other means. The parent or guardian must retain all receipts of qualified expenses.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission will create forms for claiming such credits. A parent or guardian can request the credit amount be advanced in two installments of up to \$2,500. If approved for the advance, the parent will be paid within 60 days. The Tax Commission will work with the State Department of Education to verify student eligibility, and the Commission may recapture any credits it finds a person has improperly received.

Lastly, any year the amount of money appropriated for the financial support of public schools falls below the amount of money appropriated Fiscal Year 2024, the tax credits shall be suspended.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

