

## **Lawmaker pushes bill to encourage education**

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A state lawmaker wants to put more adults back in college by offering tax credits to employers who help them.

Sen. Kathleen Wilcoxson's bill would provide employers a tax credit for contributing to an employee's college savings account.

"The proposal is called LILA, which stands for Lifelong Learning Account," said Wilcoxson, R- Oklahoma City. "Study after study has shown us that the more education a person has, the greater their earning potential."

Employers who contribute to college savings accounts would be eligible for a tax credit equal to 50 percent of the contribution. The credit would be limited to \$500 per employee with a statewide cap of \$1 million each year.

"That would generate an additional \$2 million per year for college savings," Wilcoxson said.