

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1448

By: McCorkell of the House

and

Williams (Penny), Cole,  
Henry and Rubottom of  
the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 8, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 6-178), which relates to the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; modifying membership of the Commission; authorizing certain contracts; exempting members from provision prohibiting dual office holding; allowing certain staff development credits to fulfill certain certification requirements; authorizing school districts to charge fees for certain programs; requiring promulgation of rules; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 6-178), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-178. A. There is hereby created, to continue until July 1, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. The Commission shall be composed of ~~twenty-eight (28)~~ thirty-one (31) members to be appointed as follows:

1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
  - a. three members from the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
  - b. three public school teachers who are employees of an Oklahoma public school district,
  - c. one member from a private Oklahoma institution of higher education who is on the teacher education faculty,
  - d. one member from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is on the arts and sciences faculty,
  - e. two lay persons who each have at least one child who is a student in an elementary or secondary public school in this state,
  - f. one member with experience in services to children and youth,
  - g. one member who is a superintendent of an area vocational-technical school district, and
  - h. one member who is a principal of an Oklahoma elementary public school;

2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:
  - a. three members from the Oklahoma State Senate,
  - b. three public school teachers who are employees of an Oklahoma public school district,
  - c. one member from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is on the teacher education faculty,
  - d. one member from a private Oklahoma institution of higher education who is on the arts and sciences faculty,
  - e. one lay person who has at least one child who is a student in an elementary or secondary public school in this state,
  - f. one member who is a leader in business in the state,
  - g. one member who is a public school superintendent of an Oklahoma public school,
  - h. one member who is a principal of an Oklahoma Secondary public school, and
  - i. one member who is an undergraduate student;

3. Two members, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall serve as a member ~~on~~ of the Commission;

~~4.~~ 5. The Chancellor of Higher Education shall serve as a member of the Commission; and

6. The Director of the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education shall serve as a member of the Commission.

B. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for attendance at Commission meetings by the appointing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except as otherwise provided by law.

C. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate from among legislative members of the Commission a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

D. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation may contract for services or employ staff, as needed, to fulfill its duties and responsibilities. The Commission may enter into a contract which includes an agreement with a state agency, board or commission to provide administrative support to the Commission.

E. Members of the Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which prohibits the holding of any other office during the member's term of office on the Commission.

F. Staff assistance shall be provided by the State Department of Education, the State Regents for Higher Education, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Legislative Service Bureau.

~~E.~~ G. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall develop the new teacher preparation system with assistance and recommendations from the State Board of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

~~F.~~ H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall appoint a subcommittee on principal preparation. The integrated subcommittee on principal preparation shall:

1. Study and summarize how principals are currently being prepared for administrative responsibilities in Oklahoma and how principals are prepared for administrative responsibilities in other states and nationwide, and make any recommendations on any other

issues that the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation deems necessary to fulfill the directives and purposes of this act;

2. Study and summarize the current state of the art concerning principal preparation;

3. Study the current Oklahoma principal preparation curriculum;

4. Review recommendations of national and state organizations and accrediting associations that have issued reports on principal preparation;

5. Interview the education faculties at public and private higher education institutions on recommendations for changes to the current principal preparation curriculum;

6. Interview parents and legal guardians of school-age children on their recommendations for changes to the current principal preparation curriculum;

7. Examine the methodology used by the State Department of Education in monitoring higher education schools and colleges of education in Oklahoma;

8. Make recommendations on the feasibility and practicality of requiring principals to have teaching responsibilities in the classroom; and

9. Make recommendations on policies and programs for principal preparation that need to be modified and changed and incorporated into the new teacher preparation system and on recommendations for changes in the principal preparation curriculum that will improve the quality of principal preparation and education in the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-154.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules by which a person who holds a valid Oklahoma Standard Teaching Certificate may satisfy requirements for renewal of the Standard Teaching Certificate by completing staff development programs, conferences and seminars in lieu of teaching experience or higher education credits required by the State Board of Education for certificate renewal. Only programs, conferences and seminars recognized for staff development credit by an Oklahoma public school district at the time the teacher attends the program, conference or seminar may be used to fulfill requirements under this section. The State Board of Education shall not require more staff development credit to be earned for certificate renewal than the Board requires teachers and administrators to earn pursuant to Section 6-158 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. District boards of education may charge a reasonable fee for a holder of a valid Oklahoma Standard Teaching Certificate who is not employed as a teacher or administrator in an Oklahoma public school to attend district-sponsored staff development programs or seminars.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 1993.

Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 1993.

President of the Senate