

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2563

By: Hager of the House

and

Long (Ed) of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 69, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1210.567), which relates to alternative education; allowing for abbreviated school day and alternative teacher certification standards for certain facilities; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 69, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1210.567), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.567 A. Upon application of a district board of education, the State Board of Education shall authorize an abbreviated day schedule for an alternative school or alternative education program that is or will be administered by the district pursuant to the provisions of this act or for the education provided for students in a residential or treatment facility located within the district. A student assigned to the alternative school ~~or~~, an alternative education program or receiving educational services in a residential or treatment facility within the district who attends for a full abbreviated day shall be counted in attendance for

purposes of computing average daily attendance and average daily membership for the district.

B. No later than August 1, 1994, the State Board of Education in consultation with the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall promulgate rules by which a certified teacher who is qualified to teach in an alternative education program or alternative school as determined by the district board of education offering the alternative education program or alternative school or who teaches students in a residential or treatment facility may be certified to teach subjects in which the teacher does not hold certification.

The rules shall provide:

1. The certification may be granted only upon application of a district board of education offering an alternative education program or alternative school pursuant to the provisions of this act or upon application of a district board of education offering a residential or treatment facility; and

2. The teacher's certification in subjects in which the teacher does not otherwise hold certification pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be valid only for purposes of teaching in the alternative education program or alternative school offered by the district board or in a residential or treatment facility located within the district making application.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

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 6th day of March, 1996.

Speaker
of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President _____ of the Senate