

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 740

By: Herbert of the Senate
and
Case of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-114.7, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 18-114.7), which relates to the minimum salary schedule for teachers; requiring the State Department of Education to recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments certain years of experience of certain teachers; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-114.7, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 18-114.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-114.7 A. Beginning with the 1994-95 school year, teachers in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following schedule:

MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

Years of Experience	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Doctor's Degree
0	\$24,060	\$25,166	\$26,272

1	\$25,221	\$26,327	\$27,433
2	\$25,553	\$26,659	\$27,765
3	\$25,774	\$26,880	\$27,986
4	\$26,106	\$27,212	\$28,318
5	\$26,438	\$27,544	\$28,650
6	\$26,659	\$27,765	\$28,871
7	\$26,991	\$28,097	\$29,203
8	\$27,212	\$28,318	\$29,535
9	\$27,544	\$28,650	\$29,756
10	\$27,765	\$28,871	\$29,977
11	\$28,097	\$29,203	\$30,309
12	\$28,318	\$29,424	\$30,530
13	\$28,650	\$29,756	\$30,862
14	\$28,761	\$29,867	\$30,973
15	\$29,092	\$30,198	\$31,304

When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe benefits" shall mean all or part of hospital or medical benefits, and sickness, accident, health or life insurance, and retirement benefits, excluding the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1 of this title. Any of the degrees referred to in this section shall be from a college recognized by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall accept teaching experience from out-of-state school districts that are accredited by the State Board of Education or appropriate state accrediting agency for said districts. For the purpose of state salary increments and retirement, no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years' active duty in the military service, or out-of-state teaching experience as a certified teacher or its equivalent. Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of education from crediting more years of experience on local salary schedules than those allowed for state purposes. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes of certification and salary

increments, the years of experience of a certified teacher who teaches in the Department of Corrections' educational program beginning with fiscal year 1981. The State Board of Education shall recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments the years of experience of a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor under the Department of Human Services if such counselor was employed as a certified teacher by the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board for Vocational Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968.

B. The State Board of Education shall recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments all of the years of experience a:

1. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor completed while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor was certified as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a teacher in Oklahoma;

2. Certified teacher completed while employed by the Department of Human Services Child Study Center at University Hospital, if the teacher was certified as a teacher in Oklahoma; and

~~3. The State Board of Education shall recognize for purposes of certification and salary increments all of the years of experience that a certified~~ Certified school psychologist or psychometrist completed while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological assistant, or psychologist with any agency of the State of Oklahoma if such experience primarily involved work with persons of school or pre-school age and if such person was, at the time the experience was acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school psychologist or psychometrist.

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

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of
_____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives