

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2580

By: Beutler of the House
and
Capps of the Senate

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[state government - amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section
840.17 - Department of Corrections teachers -
effective date -

emergency]

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 840.17, as
renumbered by Section 54, Chapter 242, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp.
1997, Section 840-4.9), is amended to read as follows:

Section 840-4.9 A. Certified teachers employed to serve as
administrators, counselors, librarians, or ~~to teach~~ teachers by the
~~state~~ Oklahoma Department of Corrections school system, under the
Merit System of Personnel Administration, shall be entitled to ~~all:~~

1. All fringe benefits granted other state employees of the
agency, board, commission, department or institution by which they
are employed. ~~Such teachers shall also be entitled to all benefits
and privileges of their profession, including the right to;~~

2. Retain the right to participate in the ~~Public Employees'~~
~~Retirement System, or the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System at~~
~~the option of the teacher and the~~ retirement system to which they

belonged prior to July 1, 1998. Certified personnel employed by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections school system to serve as administrators, librarians, counselors, or teachers after July 1, 1998, shall participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma;

3. The right of membership and participation in the Oklahoma Education Association and all other professional associations and organizations of their choice;

4. Minimum salaries not less than the minimum salary currently prescribed by law for public school teachers adjusted to a fifty-two-week year, with additional salary for additional weeks or days worked;

5. Full credit for all paid teaching experience for purposes of determining compensation, except that not more than five (5) years' credit shall be granted for teaching experience outside the State of Oklahoma and a maximum of five (5) years credit shall be granted for prior military service;

6. Any increase in salaries of public school teachers granted by law from time to time. Such increases shall be effective the last day of the month in which such law becomes effective; and

7. Annual step increases in salary as mandated by statute.

B. For the purposes of this section, the salary of a public school teacher, as established by law, shall be considered as compensation for thirty-nine (39) weeks of employment and the salaries of certified teachers employed to serve as administrators, counselors, librarians or teachers by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall be adjusted to provide full compensation for fifty-two (52) weeks annually, by multiplying the annual salary of a public school teacher having equivalent experience by 1.33 (52/39). This shall apply to all levels and increments of the salary schedule, and the salaries of all certified teachers employed to serve as administrators, counselors, librarians or teachers by the

Oklahoma Department of Corrections school system shall annually be reviewed and adjusted as provided above. No certified teacher employed by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections school system shall be compensated at a rate lower than the minimum established for teachers holding a baccalaureate degree. The salary of the Superintendent of Institutional Schools with administrative responsibility for the Department of Corrections school system shall be determined by multiplying the salary the superintendent would receive as classroom teacher in the Department of Corrections school system by a factor of one and four-tenths (1.40). The salary of a site principal shall be calculated by multiplying the salary the principal would receive as a teacher in the Department of Corrections school system by a factor of one and two-tenths (1.20). The salaries of special education teachers and teachers who serve on entry year committees shall be subject to additional adjustments as mandated by statute. For the purposes of this section, salary will be defined as direct monetary compensation pursuant to the state minimum salary schedule for public school teachers.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

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.

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