

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1308

By: Greenwood

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; requiring the State Board of Education to grant a special teaching license to certain persons for certain subject areas; stating criteria for qualification for special license; requiring participation in certain residency teaching program; requiring Board to issue certification to persons with special license; stating criteria for certification; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.4 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Board of Education shall grant a special license to teach in the subject matters of mathematics, any of the sciences, or any of the foreign languages to a person who makes application to the State Board and who:

1. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

2. Has completed a major in a field that corresponds to one of the areas of specialization listed above for an Elementary-Secondary Certificate, a Secondary Certificate or a vocational-technical certificate; and

3. Can document at least twenty (20) years of work experience which is related to the subject area of specialization.

B. Persons granted a special license pursuant to this section shall be required to participate in and complete at least one (1) school year of teaching service as a resident teacher in a residency program as set forth in Section 6-195 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person who holds a special license to teach as provided for in this section and who:

1. Has served a minimum of one (1) school year as a resident teacher;

2. Has been recommended for certification by the residency committee; and

3. Has made the necessary application and paid the certification fee as prescribed by the Board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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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