

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1411

By: Coleman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 11, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 6-190), which relates to teachers; clarifying language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 11, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in Section 6-101 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, only with persons certified or licensed to teach by the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided by law.

B. The Board shall issue a license to teach to any person who:

1. Has successfully completed the teacher education program required by the State Board of Education prior to July 1, 1997, and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation beginning July 1, 1997;

2. Has graduated from an accredited institution of higher education that has approval or accreditation for teacher education;

3. Has met all other requirements as may be established by the Board;

4. Has made the necessary application and paid the curriculum examination fee as prescribed by the State Board of Education prior to July 1, 1997, and beginning July 1, 1997, paid the competency examination fee in an amount prescribed by the Commission. Such examination fee shall be paid to the Board or Commission as required and be deposited to the Revolving Fund provided for in Section 6-160 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title; and

5. Has successfully completed the examination in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act.

C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person who:

1. Holds a license to teach in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act;

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

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

4. Has been recommended for certification by the residency committee; or

5. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets standards set by the Board.

D. If a resident teacher is a graduate of an out-of-state institution of higher education, the recommendation of the residency committee shall be made to the State Board of Education.

E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional

development requirements prescribed by this act or by the State Board of Education.

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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