STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1568

By: Williams of the Senate

and

Boyd and McCarter of the House

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An Act relating to schools; amending Section 11, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-190), which relates to qualifications for teacher licensure and certification; modifying requirements for teachers certified by other states or jurisdictions; authorizing certification of teachers holding certification by National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; updating certain reference; amending Section 8, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 1992, as renumbered by Section 34, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995, and as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-199), which relates to the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; deleting obsolete language; modifying qualifications of certain members appointed to Commission; updating certain references; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-114.7, as last amended by Section 5 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2653 of the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the teacher minimum salary schedule; updating certain references; authorizing State Board of Education to recognize certain experience for certain credit; encouraging district boards of education to develop certain pay plans for certain purpose; providing for codification; 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, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, 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 and as prescribed by the Commission. All monies received by the Board or Commission from examination fees shall be deposited to the appropriate Revolving Fund created in Section 6-191 of this title; and

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

C. The Board shall issue a standard certificate to teach to ~~any~~:

1. Any person who:

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

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

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

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

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

2. Any person who holds a certificate from another state or jurisdiction and has satisfied the requirements set forth in subsection D of this section; or

3. Any person who holds National Board certification as provided by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

D. Any person who holds a certificate to teach granted by another state or jurisdiction and who applies for standard certification in Oklahoma shall be granted a provisional certificate for up to two (2) years unless the Board determines the teacher is disqualified by law. Upon recommendation of the superintendent of a district in which the teacher taught under the provisional certificate for a minimum of one year, the teacher shall be granted a standard certificate; provided, such person shall have completed the requirements of the residency program pursuant to Section 6-195 of this title.

E. 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.~~ F. 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~~ the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 1992, as renumbered by Section 34, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995, and as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-199), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-199. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. The Commission shall be composed of twenty (20) members, sixteen of whom shall be voting

members and four of whom shall be ex officio, nonvoting members. The sixteen voting members shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years, except as otherwise provided, and shall be appointed as follows:

1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

   a. one public school teacher who is an employee of an Oklahoma public school district~~, who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years~~,

   b. one lay person who has at least one child who is a student in an elementary or secondary public school in this state,

   c. one member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education ~~who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years~~ <u>or one Regent or Trustee from the governing board of an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education</u>, and

   d. one member who is a principal of an Oklahoma public school ~~who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year~~;

2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:

   a. one public school teacher who is an employee of an Oklahoma public school district ~~to serve an initial term of one (1) year~~,

   b. one member of the State Board of Education ~~who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year~~,

   c. one lay person who has had some educational employment experience, and

   d. one member who is a public school superintendent of an Oklahoma public school district ~~to serve an initial term of two (2) years~~;

3. The Governor shall appoint:

a. one member from a private Oklahoma institution of higher education who is the dean or director of an approved teacher education program ~~who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year~~,

b. one member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education ~~who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years~~ <u>or one Regent or Trustee from the governing board of an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education</u>,

c. one member of the State Board of Education,

d. one teacher from an area vocational-technical school district ~~who shall serve an initial term of one (1) year~~,

e. one member from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is on the arts and sciences faculty ~~to serve an initial term of two (2) years~~,

f. one member from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma System of Higher Education who is on the teacher education faculty, and

g. two public school teachers who are employees of an Oklahoma public school district;

4. The ex officio, nonvoting members shall include the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of Higher Education, the Director of the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education and the Secretary of Education or their designees.

B. 1. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

2. The Commission shall hold meetings as necessary at a place and time fixed by the Commission. ~~The first meeting of the Commission, which shall be held on or after July 1, 1995, shall be called by the Executive Director of the Commission. At the first meeting, the Commission shall select one of the members to serve as chair and another member to serve as vice-chair.~~ At the first ~~ensuing~~ meeting ~~in~~ of each fiscal year ~~thereafter~~, the chair and vice-chair for the ensuing year shall be elected. Special meetings may be called by the chair or by five members of the Commission by delivery of written notice to each member of the Commission. A majority of the voting members of the Commission shall be present at the meeting to constitute a quorum of the Commission.

3. The Commission may promulgate rules and set fees pursuant to the purposes of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act.

4. The Commission shall assist the State Board of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in conducting necessary reviews and planning activities related to the purposes of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act. The Commission shall provide a public forum for receiving comments and disseminating information to the public and the education community regarding the purposes of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act. The Commission shall have the authority to make recommendations to and otherwise consult with the State Board of Education, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Oklahoma State Board of Vocational and Technical Education, the Education Oversight Board and the Legislature on matters which relate to the purposes of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act.

5. The terms of the members shall begin July 1 of the applicable year.

C. ~~Members serving on the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation on July 1, 1995, shall cease to be members on that date. If qualifications allow, all initial appointments shall be from~~

~~among the membership of the Commission serving prior to January 1, 1995.~~ Appointing authorities shall seek to provide a broad geographic representation of the members serving on the Commission.

D. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Commission ~~for Teacher Preparation~~ may contract for services or employ staff, as needed, to fulfill its duties and responsibilities. The Commission may enter into a contract which includes an agreement with a state agency, board or commission to provide administrative support to the Commission. The Commission may accept federal grants and other federal funds to carry out the purposes of the Commission.

E. Members of the Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which prohibits the holding of any other office during the member's term of office on the Commission.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-114.7, as last amended by Section 5 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2653 of the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-114.7 A. Beginning with the 2000-01 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	$27,060	$28,166	$29,272
1	$28,221	$29,327	$30,433
2	$28,553	$29,659	$30,765
3	$28,885	$29,991	$31,097
4	$29,217	$30,323	$31,429
5	$29,549	$30,655	$31,761
6	$29,881	$30,987	$32,093

7	$30,213	$31,319	$32,425
8	$30,545	$31,651	$32,757
9	$30,877	$31,983	$33,089
10	$31,209	$32,315	$33,421
11	$31,541	$32,647	$33,753
12	$31,873	$32,979	$34,085
13	$32,205	$33,311	$34,417
14	$32,537	$33,643	$34,749
15	$32,869	$33,975	$35,081
16	$33,201	$34,307	$35,413
17	$33,533	$34,639	$35,745
18	$33,865	$34,971	$36,077
19	$34,197	$35,303	$36,409
20	$34,529	$35,635	$36,741
21	$34,861	$35,967	$37,073
22	$35,193	$36,299	$37,405
23	$35,525	$36,631	$37,737
24	$35,857	$36,963	$38,069
25	$36,189	$37,295	$38,401

For the 2000-01 school year, any amounts received pursuant to Section 1 of ~~this act~~ Enrolled House Bill No. 2653 of the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature shall count towards the minimum salary schedule established in this section for those teachers who qualified for the salary increase under Section 1 of ~~this act~~ Enrolled House Bill No. 2653 of the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature.

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 and the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to Section 26-105 of this title from the flexible benefit

allowance funds disbursed by the State Board of Education and the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education pursuant to Section 26-104 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. 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.

C. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes of certification renewal and salary increments for up to five (5) years' credit, experience as a:

1. Certified teacher with Bureau of Indian Affairs' schools that are recognized by the United States Department of Education;

2. Certified teacher in a school in another jurisdiction if the school is accredited by the appropriate accrediting agency in that jurisdiction; and

3. Volunteer worker with the Peace Corps serving in a teaching capacity.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 70 of Title 5-141.1, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

District boards of education are encouraged to develop pay plans to compensate teachers for work performed before and after school hours and during the summer to assist students not performing at grade level to meet the required competencies for reading, language arts, and mathematics to assure all students perform at grade level by the year 2007.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 6. 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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