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THE STATE SENATE
Monday, February 28, 2000

Senate Bill No. 1595
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1595 - By: WILLIAMS, MORGAN, and WILCOXSON of the Senate and BOYD of the House.

[schools - alternative placement programs - effective date - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-122.3, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 202, O.S.L. 1999 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-122.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-122.3 A. The State Board of Education shall grant an Alternative Placement teaching certificate to a person who makes application to the State Board and meets all of the following criteria:

- 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 an area of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary Certificate, a Secondary Certificate or a vocational-technical certificate;
- 3. ~~Declares the intention to earn Standard Certification by means of the Alternative Placement Program in not more than three~~

1 ~~(3) years. For the purposes of the Alternative Placement Program~~
2 ~~only, the State Board of Education shall determine the subject~~
3 ~~matter of professional education component pursuant to this section,~~
4 ~~and the requirements for the Professional Education component~~
5 ~~required for Standard Certification shall be as follows:~~

6 a. ~~baccalaureate degree, and eighteen (18) semester hours~~
7 ~~or two hundred seventy (270) clock hours, or~~

8 b. ~~postbaccalaureate degrees, teaching experience or~~
9 ~~subject matter work experience, or a combination of~~
10 ~~the three shall reduce the eighteen (18) semester~~
11 ~~hours or two hundred seventy (270) clock hours by the~~
12 ~~following:~~

Degree or Experience	Hour Reduction
Master's Degree	6 semester hours or 90 clock hours
Doctorate Degree	6 semester hours or 90 clock hours
1 year teaching or subject	
matter work experience	3 semester hours or 45 clock hours
2 years teaching or subject	
matter work experience	6 semester hours or 90 clock hours
3 years teaching or subject	
matter work experience	9 semester hours or 135 clock hours
4 years teaching or subject	
matter work experience	12 semester hours or 180 clock hours,

1 e. ~~the State Board of Education shall establish a core~~
2 ~~minimum of six (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock~~
3 ~~hours. Under no circumstance shall the number of~~
4 ~~hours be reduced to less than six (6) semester hours~~
5 ~~or ninety (90) clock hours.~~

6 d. ~~for purposes of this section:~~

7 (1) ~~"teaching experience" shall mean full-time~~
8 ~~employment as a teacher in a public school,~~
9 ~~private school licensed or accredited by the~~
10 ~~State Board of Education, or institution of~~
11 ~~higher education,~~

12 (2) ~~"Subject matter work experience" shall mean work~~
13 ~~experience in a field that corresponds to the~~
14 ~~area of specialization for Elementary-Secondary~~
15 ~~Certificate, Secondary Certificate or vocational-~~
16 ~~technical certificate.~~

17 ~~Such requirements shall exclude all student teaching~~
18 ~~requirements pursuant to the provisions of subsection D of this~~
19 ~~section Has prior work experience and can demonstrate expertise in~~
20 ~~the area of specialization for which certification is sought;~~

21 4. Has passed the ~~curriculum~~ appropriate subject area
22 competency examination(s) in the area of specialization for which
23 certification is sought; and

1 5. ~~Either presents a document from an accredited public school~~
2 ~~district in this state offering employment in the area of~~
3 ~~specialization for which certification is sought on condition that~~
4 ~~the person enroll in an Alternative Placement Program approved by~~
5 ~~the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek~~
6 ~~employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in~~
7 ~~this state~~ Has received a favorable recommendation from the Teacher
8 Competency Review Panel pursuant to Section 6-202 of this title.

9 B. The certificate granted pursuant to ~~this~~ subsection A of
10 this section shall be considered a "valid certificate of
11 qualification" for the purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this
12 title, and the holder of such certificate shall be considered a
13 resident teacher for the purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

14 ~~B.~~ ~~Said certificate shall be renewed for not more than a~~
15 ~~maximum of three (3) years upon presentation of a document from an~~
16 ~~accredited public school district in this state offering renewed~~
17 ~~employment in the same area of specialization and a document from a~~
18 ~~teacher education institution verifying satisfactory progress in the~~
19 ~~appropriate Alternative Placement Program.~~

20 ~~C.~~ ~~Persons enrolled in an Alternative Placement Program shall:~~

21 ~~1.~~ ~~Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education~~
22 ~~program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,~~
23 ~~the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the~~

1 ~~Oklahoma State Board of Education to offer teacher education~~
2 ~~programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed courses~~
3 ~~necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of such~~
4 ~~program, except those persons who hold a certificate;~~

5 ~~2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an~~
6 ~~Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard~~
7 ~~certification requirements within three (3) years;~~

8 ~~3. Participate in the Entry-year Assistance Program, Section 6-~~
9 ~~152 et seq. of this title and have the same duties and~~
10 ~~responsibilities as other Entry-year Assistance Program~~
11 ~~participants, except those persons who hold a certificate; and~~

12 ~~4. Document at least two (2) years of work experience which is~~
13 ~~related to the subject area of specialization if the person has only~~
14 ~~a baccalaureate degree with no postbaccalaureate work in a related~~
15 ~~area. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to a~~
16 ~~person based on that person's ability to demonstrate specific~~
17 ~~competency in the subject area of specialization.~~

18 ~~D. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience~~
19 ~~shall not be required of Alternative Placement Program participants~~
20 ~~for Standard Certification.~~

21 ~~E. C. Persons granted an Alternative Placement teaching~~
22 ~~certificate shall participate in the residency program established~~

1 pursuant to Section 6-195 of this title and have the same duties and
2 responsibilities as other resident teachers.

3 D. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
4 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished
5 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be
6 required to meet standard certification. Any such adjunct teachers
7 shall be limited to ninety (90) clock hours per semester.

8 ~~F.~~ Each teacher education institution shall provide the Office
9 of Accountability an annual report of information specified by the
10 Office of Accountability regarding participation in the Alternative
11 Placement Program.

12 ~~G.~~ The State Board of Education shall not accredit, renew the
13 accreditation of, or otherwise approve any teacher education program
14 of any institution of higher education in this state that has not
15 made a commitment to, and begun implementation of, Alternative
16 Placement Programs in at least four areas of specialization,
17 including mathematics, science and a foreign language, whereby
18 individuals who meet the criteria of subsections A and C of this
19 section are:

- 20 1. ~~Admitted without further qualification; and~~
21 2. ~~Offered the opportunity to complete the Standard~~
22 ~~Certification course requirements set forth in subsection A of this~~
23 ~~section during the summer preceding and the summer following the~~

1 ~~first year of teaching under the Alternative Placement Program.~~
2 ~~Provided, however, any person seeking Alternative Placement shall be~~
3 ~~permitted to take necessary courses during regular semesters if~~
4 ~~offered.~~

5 ~~H. The criteria specified in subsection C of this section can~~
6 ~~be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more~~
7 ~~institutions of higher education.~~

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 25, Chapter 322, O.S.L.
9 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 6-202), is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 Section 6-202. A. Beginning July 1, 1997, there shall be
12 created a "Teacher Competency Review Panel" to make recommendations
13 to the State Board of Education for the licensure and certification
14 of people who have not graduated from an approved teacher education
15 program in this state, or who have never held a standard teaching
16 certificate in this state, or who are not currently certified to
17 teach in another state. No person shall be certified to teach
18 pursuant to the provisions of this section unless the person holds
19 at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of
20 higher education, has successfully completed the ~~required~~
21 appropriate subject area competency examination, and has been
22 assessed by and received a favorable recommendation from the Teacher
23 Competency Review Panel.

1 B. The members of the Teacher Competency Review Panel shall be
2 selected by the State Board of Education from a list of candidates
3 supplied by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. The
4 Teacher Competency Review Panel shall consist of seven (7) members.

5 C. The State Board of Education shall assess candidates seeking
6 certification to teach through the recommendation of the Teacher
7 Competency Review Panel fees for the service in an amount sufficient
8 to fully fund the duties of the Teacher Competency Review Panel.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

10 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-21-00 - DO
15 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.