

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 8, Chapter 308, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 6-199), which relates to the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; setting termination date for the Commission; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 3907, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 3907), which relates to the 2000 sunset list; adding the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; modifying name of certificate; modifying criteria for an Alternative Preparation Program; adding certain criteria; providing that certificate shall be considered a valid teaching license; changing maximum renewal time; prohibiting the State Board of Education from approving a license until certain notice is received; directing the State Board of Education to promulgate certain rules; stating purpose of rules; requiring certain reports from teacher education institutions; providing for certain collaboration for annual report; providing deadline for submission of certain information; authorizing the Board not to accredit certain teacher education programs in certain circumstances; requiring filing of certain plan and passage of certain tests; requiring mentor training of certain persons; requiring a formal agreement between certain entities; stating outline of agreement; repealing 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-122.3, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 177, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 6-122.3), which relates to alternative placement teaching certification; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.