

EHB 1711

THE STATE SENATE
Monday, April 2, 2001

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 1711

As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1711 - By: ROBERTS and STAGGS of the House and MORGAN of the Senate.

[schools - licensure and certification system - effective date - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 10, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-189. A. The licensure and certification system required by the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for licensure and certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in Section ~~6~~ 6-185 of this ~~act~~ title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of Education shall adopt general competencies for licensure and certification, and by January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented the licensure and certification systems as required in this act. No higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the State Board of Education in rules for licensure or certification.

1 Nothing in the State Board of Education's licensure and
2 certification rules shall prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for
3 Higher Education from adopting policies and procedures it deems
4 appropriate for coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for
5 teacher preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of
6 Higher Education.

7 B. The Except as provided in subsection C, the requirements for
8 a certificate for superintendent of schools and principal shall
9 include not less than a standard master's degree and completion of
10 an administrator education program at an institution of higher
11 education accredited or approved by the Oklahoma Commission for
12 Teacher Preparation, passage of the competency examination for
13 administrators, such other professional education and requirements
14 as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a minimum of
15 two (2) years' successful teaching, supervisory or administrative
16 experience in public schools.

17 C. Persons who possess all the qualifications to be certified
18 as a superintendent or principal as required in subsection B except
19 completion of an administrator education program may apply to take
20 the competency examination for administrators. Upon successful
21 completion of the competency examination, the applicant may apply to
22 the State Board of Education for superintendent or principal
23 certification. Such applicants shall be reviewed by the Teacher

1 Competency Review Panel. Upon favorable recommendation by the
2 Teacher Competency Review Panel, the State Board of Education may
3 grant superintendent or principal certification.

4 D. Certificates may be revoked by the State Board of Education
5 for willful violation of any rule of the State Board of Education or
6 of any federal or state law or other proper cause but only after
7 sufficient hearing has been given before the State Board of
8 Education.

9 ~~D.~~ E. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be
10 used for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 3-26-01 - DO
17 PASS, As Amended.