

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1647

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 25, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-202), which relates to the Teacher Competency Review Panel; modifying responsibilities of the Teacher Competency Review Panel; adding certain requirements for certification; allowing the State Board of Education to certify certain persons who receive an unfavorable recommendation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 25, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-202), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-202. A. Beginning July 1, 1997, there shall be created a "Teacher Competency Review Panel" to assess and make recommendations to the State Board of Education for the licensure and certification of people who have not graduated from an approved teacher education program in this state, or who have never held a standard teaching certificate in this state, or who are not currently certified to teach in another state. No person shall be certified to teach pursuant to the provisions of this section unless the person holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education, has successfully completed the required competency examination, meets the criteria set forth in Section 6-122.3 of this title, and has been assessed by ~~and received a favorable recommendation from~~ the Teacher Competency Review Panel. The State Board of Education may certify a person who has received

an unfavorable recommendation from the Teacher Competency Review Panel if the Board disagrees with the recommendation and finds that the person has met all of the other requirements for alternative certification.

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

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

SECTION 2. 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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