

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1238

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Department of Corrections; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-114.7 (Section 1, Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2001), which relates to minimum salary schedule for certain employees; removing from schedule the flexible benefit allowance for certain Department of Corrections correctional teachers and vocational instructors; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 18-114.7 (Section 1, Chapter 237, O.S.L. 2001), 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, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2000, shall count towards the minimum salary schedule established in this section for those teachers who qualified for the salary increase under Section 1, Chapter 1, O.S.L. 2000.

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 Career and Technology Education pursuant to Section 26-104 of this title. Further, upon the effective date of this act,

the applicable amount of flexible benefit allowance, for the individual only, pursuant to Section 1370 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall not be counted for purposes of fringe benefits in the minimum salary schedule for persons certified to teach in the state meeting all minimum qualifications set by the Office of Personnel Management, who are hired or employed as correctional teachers or vocational instructors by the Department of Corrections educational program. 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 of Career and Technology 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 provisions of this section shall not apply to teachers who have entered into postretirement employment with a public school in Oklahoma and are still receiving a monthly retirement benefit.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. 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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