

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1637

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; stating legislative findings; stating intent for teacher certification system; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-205 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature finds that the most important factor in achieving student success is a qualified, competent, caring teacher in the classroom. To ensure every child in Oklahoma receives a quality education, Oklahoma must work to recruit and retain the best and brightest teachers. We must enact policies to attract and support new teachers and encourage the best veteran teachers to remain in the classroom.

It is the intent of the Legislature that our teacher certification system allow for multiple points of entry into the teaching profession to attract paraprofessionals and mid-career professionals, as well as provide incentives rather than barriers to attract teachers from other states.

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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