STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1438 By: Brannon of the House

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-189, which relates to the licensure and certification system; modifying certification requirements for superintendents and principals; establishing standards for alternative certification for superintendents and principals; listing certain competencies; requiring demonstration of competencies by certain persons; providing means for achieving competencies; 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 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. Nothing in the State Board of Education's licensure and certification rules shall prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for

Higher Education from adopting policies and procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

B. The requirements for a certificate for superintendent of schools and principal shall include not less than completion of a standard master's degree, completion of a program in education administration approved by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis on curriculum and instruction, such other professional education and requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, a passing score on the subject area competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this title and a minimum of two (2) years' successful teaching, supervisory or administrative experience in public schools.

C. The standards for alternative certification for superintendents of schools and principals shall include the completion of a standard master’s degree, two (2) years of relevant experience, a passing score on the subject area competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this title, and a demonstrable understanding of the fundamentals of school administration, including the following associated competencies:

1. Leadership and school district culture;

2. Policy and governance;

3. Communications and community relations;

4. Organizational management;

5. Curriculum planning and development;

6. Instructional management;

7. Human resource management;

8. Ethics of leadership; and

9. School law and finance.

Persons with a master’s degree in an area other than educational administration shall demonstrate an understanding of the

competencies listed in this subsection. Understanding of the competencies may be achieved through coursework from an approved administrative preparation program, relevant workshops or seminars approved by the State Department of Education, or through documented past work experience.

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

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

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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