

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1480

By: Walker

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-189, which relates to licensure and certification system; specifying certification requirements for Library Media Specialists; 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~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt general and full competencies for licensure and certification, and ~~by January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented~~ implement 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 a standard master's degree, such other professional education and requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a minimum of two (2) years' successful teaching, supervisory or administrative experience in public schools.

C. The requirements for a certificate for Library Media Specialists shall include not less than a master's degree in any field of study from an accredited institution of higher education, successful completion of the library media subject area portion of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this title, and compliance with the requirements of Section 6-190 of this title.

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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