STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 628

By: Fisher of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-189, which relates to licensure and certification; stating requirements for superintendent of a technology center school district; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-101, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1068 of the 1st Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the State Board of Career and Technology Education; stating expiration dates of initial terms of certain members; removing obsolete language; modifying beginning dates of certain terms of certain members; modifying termination dates of terms of certain members; providing effective dates; 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 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 superintendent of a technology center school district shall include not less than a standard master's degree, such other professional education requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students, in a technology center school district; provided, a person meeting the requirements set forth in subsection B of this section shall be eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center school district.

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. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-101, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled House Bill No. 1068 of the 1st Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-101. A. There is hereby created the State Board of Career and Technology Education which shall succeed to all of the powers and duties heretofore invested in the State Board for Vocational Education. The membership of the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall consist of:

1. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction who shall be an ex officio voting member;

2. Two appointed members of the State Board of Education, selected by the Governor, to serve as ex officio voting members. One State Board member shall be selected for a one-year term and one State Board member shall be selected for a two-year term;

3. Five members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each appointed member shall be an owner, chief executive or operating officer, or business executive with policy-making or hiring authority for a business or industry located in the state or with a business or industry where a significant number of the workforce performs a task for which training or other educational service may be obtained from the career and technology education system. The Governor shall appoint one such appointive member from each of the congressional districts and any remaining members shall be appointed from the state at large.

However, when congressional districts are redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts

which are not represented by a board member until such time as each of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board member. No member shall be appointed pursuant to this paragraph who has not resided in the relevant congressional district for at least six (6) months prior to the date of appointment; and

4. One member who represents the public, private and/or educational interests of the state shall be appointed by the Governor from the state at large with the advice and consent of the Senate.

B. All initial appointments made by the Governor pursuant to this act shall be ~~initially~~ for terms as follows: ~~One~~

1. Initial appointments of the two members of the State Board of Education pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section shall be for terms as follows:

a. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2004, and

b. one for a term to expire on April 1, 2005;

2. Initial appointments of the six members pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of subsection A of this section shall be for terms as follows:

a. one for a term ~~of one (1) year~~ to expire on April 1, 2004,

b. one for a term ~~of two (2) years~~ to expire on April 1, 2005,

c. one for a term ~~of three (3) years~~ to expire on April 1, 2006,

d. one for a term ~~of four (4) years~~ to expire on April 1, 2007,

e. one for a term ~~of five (5) years~~ to expire on April 1, 2008, and

f. one for a term ~~of six (6) years.~~ to expire on April 1, 2009;

3. The member appointed to represent the state at large shall be the initial appointment for the ~~six-year~~ term~~. Thereafter~~ ending April 1, 2009;

4. After the initial terms, all ~~such~~ members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for ~~a term~~ terms of six (6) years. Initial appointments pursuant to the provisions of this ~~act~~ section shall be made no later than ~~April~~ September 1, 2003. All ~~such~~ terms shall expire on the first day of April of the year in which the term of each member expires, except for the terms of office of members serving on the Board on the effective date of this ~~act~~ section, which shall expire ~~March~~ August 31, 2003~~.~~;

5. The Chair of the Board shall be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member and shall be the executive officer of ~~said~~ the Board~~.~~; and

~~B.~~ 6. Members of the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall be subject to the orientation and continuing education requirements for school board members specified in Sections 5-110 and 5-110.1 of this title. Failure of a member to satisfy these requirements shall result in the member vacating the seat and the vacancy being filled as provided by law.

C. No person shall be eligible to be appointed to serve on the Board unless the person has been awarded a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency.

D. For each additional month employed, the additional salary shall be calculated on the basis of one-tenth (1/10) of the base salary as prescribed by the school district for a teacher of like qualifications employed on a ten-months' basis.

E. The official name of the Board which is known as the "State Board of Vocational and Technical Education" shall be designated in all future references as the "State Board of Career and Technology

Education”. Any references in the statutes to the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education shall be deemed references to the State Board of Career and Technology Education.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 4. Section 2 of this act shall become effective August 31, 2003.

SECTION 5. 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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