

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1438

By: Brannon of the House

and

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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; and providing an effective date.

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 in an approved education administration program, passage of the competency examination for administrators, 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. 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. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of February, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate