

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-182, which relates to the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act; modifying selection process for mentor teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-200, which relates to professional development institutes; requiring selection of professional development institute instructors to be based on criteria adopted by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; specifying certain criteria to be excluded; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-204.2, as last amended by Section 23, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 6-204.2), which relates to the Education Leadership Oklahoma program; requiring Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to emphasize certain recruiting efforts for certain program; specifying preference for certain scholarship recipients; requiring State Department of Education to provide certain bonus to certain teachers on certain conditions; requiring State Department of Education to provide certain notification; modifying criteria for eligibility of certain teachers for certain bonus; requiring State Board of Education to contract for certain independent evaluation; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.