

EHB 1390

THE STATE SENATE
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House Bill No. 1390

As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1390 - By: BRANNON of the House and
GARRISON of the Senate.

**[schools - Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act - alternative
certification requirements for school superintendents and
principals - effective date -**

emergency]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-189, as
last amended by Section 83, Chapter 5, O.S.L. 2004 (70 O.S. Supp.
2004, 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 6-185 of this 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

1 State Board of Education in rules for licensure or certification.
2 Nothing in the State Board of Education's licensure and
3 certification rules shall prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for
4 Higher Education from adopting policies and procedures it deems
5 appropriate for coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for
6 teacher preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of
7 Higher Education.

8 B. The requirements for a certificate for superintendent of
9 schools and principal shall include not less than ~~completion:~~

10 1. Completion of a standard master's degree, ~~completion;~~

11 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
12 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
13 on curriculum and instruction, ~~such;~~

14 3. Such other professional education and requirements as may be
15 fixed by the State Board of Education, ~~a;~~

16 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
17 required in Section 6-187 of this title; ~~and a~~

18 5. A minimum of two (2) years' successful teaching, supervisory
19 or administrative experience in public schools.

20 C. 1. The standards for alternative certification for
21 superintendents of schools and principals shall include:

22 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,

1 d. a declaration of the intention to earn standard
2 certification through completion of an approved
3 alternative administrative preparation program in not
4 more than three (3) years. Participants shall have on
5 file with the director of teacher education at an
6 Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a
7 plan for meeting standard certification requirements
8 within three (3) years. For the plan, relevant work
9 experience and coursework may be considered and
10 applied to reduce the number of hours needed to earn
11 standard certification.

12 2. An alternative certificate for superintendent of schools and
13 principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be
14 renewable.

15 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
16 preparation program by a participant, the director of teacher
17 education of an Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education
18 shall make a recommendation for standard certification to the State
19 Board of Education.

20 4. Any person participating in an alternative certification
21 program for superintendent of schools and principals on the
22 effective date of this act shall be subject to the program
23 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

1 D. The requirements for a certificate for superintendent of a
2 technology center school district shall include not less than a
3 standard master's degree, such other professional education
4 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a
5 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative
6 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,
7 in a technology center school district; provided, a person meeting
8 the requirements set forth in subsection B of this section shall be
9 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center
10 school district.

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

16 F. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be used
17 for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 4-4-05 - DO PASS,
24 As Amended.