

EHB 1760

THE STATE SENATE
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ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 1760

As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1760 - By: DENNEY and NANCE of the House
and WILCOXSON of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-122.3, which relates to the Alternative Placement teaching certificate; adding a minimum grade point average requirement; authorizing exception to grade point average requirement; modifying work experience requirement; modifying amount of postbaccalaureate work experience required; 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 6-122.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-122.3 A. The State Board of Education shall grant an Alternative Placement teaching certificate to a person who makes application to the State Board and meets all of the following criteria:

- 1. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

1 **2.** Has completed a major in a field that corresponds to an area
2 of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary Certificate, a
3 Secondary Certificate or a vocational-technical certificate;

4 **3.** Has graduated from an institution with an overall grade
5 point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher and has a GPA of 2.5 or higher
6 in a major in a field that corresponds to the subject area of
7 specialization for which the person is seeking certification;
8 provided, the grade point average requirements may be waived if the
9 person has at least eight (8) years of full-time work experience
10 which is related to the subject area of specialization;

11 **4.** Declares the intention to earn Standard Certification by
12 means of the Alternative Placement Program in not more than three
13 (3) years. For the purposes of the Alternative Placement Program
14 only, the State Board of Education shall determine the subject
15 matter of professional education component pursuant to this section,
16 and the requirements for the Professional Education component
17 required for Standard Certification shall be as follows:

- 18 a. baccalaureate degree, and eighteen (18) semester hours
19 or two hundred seventy (270) clock hours, or
20 b. postbaccalaureate degrees, teaching experience or
21 subject matter work experience, or a combination of
22 the three shall reduce the eighteen (18) semester

1 hours or two hundred seventy (270) clock hours by the
2 following:

3	Degree or Experience	Hour Reduction
4	Master's Degree	6 semester hours or
5		90 clock hours
6	Doctorate Degree	6 semester hours or
7		90 clock hours
8	1 year teaching or subject	
9	matter work experience	3 semester hours or
10		45 clock hours
11	2 years teaching or subject	
12	matter work experience	6 semester hours or
13		90 clock hours
14	3 years teaching or subject	
15	matter work experience	9 semester hours or
16		135 clock hours
17	4 years teaching or subject	
18	matter work experience	12 semester hours or
19		180 clock hours,

20 c. the State Board of Education shall establish a core
21 minimum of six (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock
22 hours. Under no circumstance shall the number of

1 hours be reduced to less than six (6) semester hours
2 or ninety (90) clock hours.

3 d. for purposes of this section:

4 (1) "teaching experience" shall mean full-time
5 employment as a teacher in a public school,
6 private school licensed or accredited by the
7 State Board of Education, or institution of
8 higher education,

9 (2) "subject matter work experience" shall mean work
10 experience in a field that corresponds to the
11 area of specialization for Elementary-Secondary
12 Certificate, Secondary Certificate or vocational-
13 technical certificate.

14 Such requirements shall exclude all student teaching
15 requirements pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this
16 section;

17 ~~4.~~ **5.** Has passed the general education and subject area
18 portions of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of
19 this title in the area of specialization for which certification is
20 sought; and

21 ~~5.~~ **6.** Either presents a document from an accredited public
22 school district in this state offering employment in the area of
23 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that

1 the person enroll in an Alternative Placement Program approved by
2 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek
3 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in
4 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection
5 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the
6 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder
7 of such certificate shall be considered a resident teacher for the
8 purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

9 B. Said certificate shall be renewed for not more than a
10 maximum of three (3) years upon presentation of a document from an
11 accredited public school district in this state offering renewed
12 employment in the same area of specialization and a document from a
13 teacher education institution verifying satisfactory progress in the
14 appropriate Alternative Placement Program.

15 C. Persons enrolled in an Alternative Placement Program shall:

16 1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education
17 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
18 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the
19 Oklahoma State Board of Education to offer teacher education
20 programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed courses
21 necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of such
22 program, except those persons who hold a certificate;

1 2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an
2 Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard
3 certification requirements within three (3) years;

4 3. Participate in the Entry-year Assistance Program, Section 6-
5 152 et seq. of this title and have the same duties and
6 responsibilities as other Entry-year Assistance Program
7 participants, except those persons who hold a certificate; and

8 4. Document at least two (2) years of full-time work experience
9 which is related to the subject area of specialization ~~if the~~ for a
10 person ~~has only~~ with a baccalaureate degree ~~with no~~ only or at least
11 fifteen (15) hours of postbaccalaureate work in ~~a related~~ the
12 subject area of specialization.

13 D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the
14 requirements for licensure and certification and, upon demonstration
15 by an individual of specific competency in the subject area of
16 specialization, may grant a license or certificate to the
17 individual. The State Board may establish other requirements
18 necessary to grant such exceptions.

19 E. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience
20 shall not be required of Alternative Placement Program participants
21 for Standard Certification.

22 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
23 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished

1 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be
2 required to meet standard certification. Any such adjunct teachers
3 shall be limited to ninety (90) clock hours per semester.

4 G. Each teacher education institution shall provide the Office
5 of Accountability an annual report of information specified by the
6 Office of Accountability regarding participation in the Alternative
7 Placement Program.

8 H. The State Board of Education shall not accredit, renew the
9 accreditation of, or otherwise approve any teacher education program
10 of any institution of higher education in this state that has not
11 made a commitment to, and begun implementation of, Alternative
12 Placement Programs in at least four areas of specialization,
13 including mathematics, science and a foreign language, whereby
14 individuals who meet the criteria of subsections A and C of this
15 section are:

- 16 1. Admitted without further qualification; and
- 17 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the Standard
18 Certification course requirements set forth in subsection A of this
19 section during the summer preceding and the summer following the
20 first year of teaching under the Alternative Placement Program.
21 Provided, however, any person seeking Alternative Placement shall be
22 permitted to take necessary courses during regular semesters if
23 offered.

1 I. The criteria specified in subsection H of this section can
2 be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more
3 institutions of higher education.

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

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

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