

3 **Senate Bill No. 1468**
4 **As Amended**

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1468 - By: PADDACK of the Senate and NATIONS of the
6 House.

7 **[schools - alternative placement teaching certificate -**
8 **updating responsibilities - effective date]**

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

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-122.3, is
11 amended to read as follows:

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

16 1. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution
17 whose accreditation is recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for
18 Higher Education and has attained a cumulative grade point average
19 of not less than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale;

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

23 3. Declares the intention to earn Standard Certification by
24 means of the Alternative Placement Program in not more than three

1 (3) years. For the purposes of the Alternative Placement Program
2 only, the State Board of Education shall determine the subject
3 matter of professional education component pursuant to this section,
4 and the requirements for the Professional Education component
5 required for Standard Certification shall be as follows:

- 6 a. baccalaureate degree, and eighteen (18) semester hours
7 or two hundred seventy (270) clock hours, or
- 8 b. postbaccalaureate ~~degrees~~ degree, ~~teaching experience~~
9 ~~or subject matter work experience, or a combination of~~
10 ~~the three shall reduce the eighteen (18) semester~~
11 ~~hours or two hundred seventy (270) clock hours by the~~
12 ~~following:~~

Degree or Experience	Hour Reduction
Master's Degree	6 semester hours or
	90 clock hours
Doctorate Degree	6 semester hours or
	90 clock hours
1 year teaching or subject	
matter work experience	3 semester hours or
	45 clock hours
2 years teaching or subject	
matter work experience	6 semester hours or
	90 clock hours

1 ~~3 years teaching or subject~~
2 ~~matter work experience~~ ~~9 semester hours or~~
3 ~~135 clock hours~~

4 ~~4 years teaching or subject~~
5 ~~matter work experience~~ and 12 semester hours or
6 one hundred eighty 180 clock hours.

7 c. ~~the State Board of Education~~ Oklahoma Commission for
8 Teacher Preparation shall establish a core minimum of
9 six (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock hours for
10 the professional education component. Under no
11 circumstance shall the total number of hours be
12 ~~reduced to less than six (6)~~ twelve (12) semester
13 hours or ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred eighty (180) clock
14 hours.

15 d. for purposes of this section:

16 (1) "teaching experience" shall mean full-time
17 employment as a teacher in a public school,
18 private school licensed or accredited by the
19 State Board of Education, or institution of
20 higher education,

21 (2) "subject matter work experience" shall mean work
22 experience in a field that corresponds to the
23 area of specialization for Elementary-Secondary

1 Certificate, Secondary Certificate or vocational-
2 technical certificate.

3 Such requirements shall exclude all student teaching
4 requirements pursuant to the provisions of subsection E of this
5 section;

6 4. Has passed the general education and subject area portions
7 of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this
8 title in the area of specialization for which certification is
9 sought; and

10 5. Either presents a document from an accredited public school
11 district in this state offering employment in the area of
12 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that
13 the person enroll in an Alternative Placement Program approved by
14 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek
15 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in
16 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection
17 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the
18 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder
19 of such certificate shall be considered a resident teacher for the
20 purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

21 B. Said certificate shall be renewed for not more than a
22 maximum of three (3) years upon presentation of a document from an
23 accredited public school district in this state offering renewed

1 employment in the same area of specialization and a document from a
2 teacher education institution verifying satisfactory progress in the
3 appropriate Alternative Placement Program.

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

5 1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education
6 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
7 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the
8 Oklahoma State Board of Education to offer teacher education
9 programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed courses
10 necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of such
11 program, except those persons who hold a certificate;

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

15 3. Participate in the Entry-year Assistance Program, Section 6-
16 152 et seq. of this title and have the same duties and
17 responsibilities as other Entry-year Assistance Program
18 participants, except those persons who hold a certificate; and

19 4. Document at least two (2) years of work experience which is
20 related to the subject area of specialization if the person has only
21 a baccalaureate degree with no postbaccalaureate work in a related
22 area.

1 D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the
2 requirements for licensure and certification and, upon demonstration
3 by an individual of specific competency in the subject area of
4 specialization, may grant a license or certificate to the
5 individual. The State Board may establish other requirements
6 necessary to grant such exceptions.

7 E. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience
8 shall not be required of Alternative Placement Program participants
9 for Standard Certification.

10 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
11 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished
12 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be
13 required to meet standard certification. Any such adjunct teachers
14 shall be limited to ninety (90) clock hours per semester.

15 G. Each teacher education institution shall provide the Office
16 of Accountability an annual report of information specified by the
17 Office of Accountability regarding participation in the Alternative
18 Placement Program.

19 H. The ~~State Board of Education~~ Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
20 Preparation shall not accredit, renew the accreditation of, or
21 otherwise approve any teacher education program of any institution
22 of higher education in this state that has not made a commitment to,
23 and begun implementation of, Alternative Placement Programs in at

1 least four areas of specialization, including mathematics, science
2 and a foreign language, whereby individuals who meet the criteria of
3 subsections A and C of this section are:

4 1. Admitted without further qualification; and

5 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the Standard
6 Certification course requirements set forth in subsection A of this
7 section during the summer preceding and the summer following the
8 first year of teaching under the Alternative Placement Program.
9 Provided, however, any person seeking Alternative Placement shall be
10 permitted to take necessary courses during regular semesters if
11 offered.

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

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-187, as
16 amended by Section 2, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005,
17 Section 6-187), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 6-187. A. A competency examination shall be adopted by
19 the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation for the general
20 education, professional education and various subject areas and
21 grade levels for purposes of ensuring academic achievement and
22 competency of each teacher candidate or teacher in the subject area
23 the person is seeking licensure or certification to teach which

1 shall also include licensure or certification as an administrator,
2 as prescribed by the State Board of Education.

3 The Commission, consistent with the purposes of this section,
4 shall promulgate rules and procedures to guarantee the
5 confidentiality of examinations.

6 B. No teacher candidate shall be eligible for licensing until
7 successfully completing the competency examination except those
8 candidates who make application to the State Board and meet the
9 criteria for the Alternative Placement Program pursuant to Section
10 6-122.3 of this title. Certification shall be limited to areas of
11 approval in which the licensed or certified teacher has successfully
12 completed the examination. ~~Testing~~ Subject to the provisions of
13 subsection C of this section, testing for certification for subjects
14 in which a teacher candidate or teacher is seeking a minor teaching
15 assignment or an endorsement to teach shall be limited to the
16 specific subject area test.

17 A teacher candidate or teacher may take the general education,
18 professional education or subject area portions of the examination
19 subject to any limit imposed by the Commission.

20 C. A teacher may be certified in as many areas as the teacher
21 meets the necessary requirements provided by law and has
22 successfully completed the subject area portion of the examination;
23 provided, certification in early childhood, elementary, or special

1 education shall require completion of an appropriate teacher
2 education program approved by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
3 Preparation.

4 D. The Commission shall offer the competency examination at
5 least four times per calendar year on dates to be established by the
6 Commission.

7 E. Nothing in the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act shall
8 restrict the right of the State Board of Education to issue an
9 emergency or provisional certificate, as needed. Provided, however,
10 prior to the issuance of an emergency certificate, the ~~local~~
11 district shall document substantial efforts to employ a teacher who
12 holds a provisional or standard certificate or who is licensed in
13 the teaching profession. In the event a district is unable to hire
14 an individual meeting this criteria, the district shall document
15 efforts to employ an individual with a provisional or standard
16 certificate or with a license in another curricular area with
17 academic preparation in the field of need. Only after these
18 alternatives have been exhausted shall the district be allowed to
19 employ an individual meeting minimum standards as established by the
20 State Board of Education for the issuance of emergency certificates.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-13-06 - DO
23 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.