

CS for SB 420

THE STATE SENATE  
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Committee Substitute for  
Senate Bill No. 420

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 420 - By: WILCOXSON and  
ADELSON of the Senate and COOKSEY of the House.

[ schools - Education Leadership Oklahoma program -  
recruiting efforts - criteria for eligibility - effective  
date -  
emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-204.2, as  
last amended by Section 23, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.  
2004, Section 6-204.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-204.2 A. Subject to the availability of funds, the  
Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation and the State Board of  
Education are authorized to establish the Education Leadership  
Oklahoma program.

B. The purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
are to:

- 1. Provide teachers throughout the state information about  
National Board certification and the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
program scholarships and services;

1           2. Provide technical assistance and National Board certified  
2 mentors to all teachers seeking National Board certification upon  
3 request;

4           3. Provide scholarships, pursuant to the Education Leadership  
5 Oklahoma Act and Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation rules,  
6 for teachers seeking National Board certification;

7           4. Provide a bonus to teachers who achieve National Board  
8 certification pursuant to the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act and  
9 State Board of Education rules;

10          5. Reward teachers who achieve National Board certification  
11 without the financial support of the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
12 program by awarding them the application fee and the amount of the  
13 scholarship given to Education Leadership Oklahoma participants  
14 pursuant to this section and commission rules; and

15          6. Provide recognition to National Board certified teachers.

16          C. To fulfill the objectives of the Education Leadership  
17 Oklahoma Act, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall:

18           1. Inform teachers of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
19 and the scholarships and services it provides to teachers seeking  
20 National Board certification, emphasizing recruiting efforts toward  
21 teachers at schools on the school improvement list as determined by  
22 the State Department of Education pursuant to the No Child Left  
23 Behind Act, at schools where more than fifty percent (50%) of

1 students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program, and  
2 in districts with the lowest percentage of teachers who have  
3 achieved National Board certification;

4 2. Collect and review applications to the scholarship program  
5 from interested teachers;

6 3. Establish an applicant review committee for the purpose of  
7 identifying scholarship recipients pursuant to the Education  
8 Leadership Oklahoma Act for the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
9 program; and

10 4. Ensure that all scholarship recipients, alternates, and  
11 teachers seeking National Board certification independently receive  
12 adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to  
13 acquire National Board certification.

14 D. The applicant review committee shall:

15 1. Consist of:

16 a. five classroom teachers appointed by the State Board  
17 of Education, at least one of whom shall be a National  
18 Board certified teacher, if available,

19 b. five classroom teachers appointed by the Oklahoma  
20 Commission for Teacher Preparation, at least one of  
21 whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
22 available,

1           c.    three classroom teachers appointed by the Oklahoma  
2                   State Regents for Higher Education, at least one of  
3                   whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
4                   available, and  
5           d.    a chair to be designated by the Executive Director of  
6                   the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation from  
7                   among the appointed members; and  
8           2.    Select up to ~~two hundred teachers for the 1999-00 class, up~~  
9 ~~to~~ four hundred teachers ~~beginning with the 2000-01 class and every~~  
10 year ~~thereafter~~, and the appropriate number of alternates, who:  
11           a.    have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in  
12                   teaching,  
13           b.    meet all eligibility requirements for potential  
14                   certification as established by the National Board for  
15                   Professional Teaching Standards,  
16           c.    are employed in an Oklahoma public school, and  
17           d.    meet other requirements of the Commission.  
18           E.    Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the  
19 Legislature for the purposes of this subsection, the application fee  
20 for National Board certification shall be paid for scholarship  
21 recipients by the Commission, and scholarship recipients shall be  
22 provided a scholarship in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars

1 (\$500.00) to cover other expenses associated with obtaining National  
2 Board certification.

3 F. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma  
4 Commission for Teacher Preparation contract with Southeastern  
5 Oklahoma State University to establish Education Leadership Oklahoma  
6 program training in higher education teacher preparation programs in  
7 the state to assist teachers in meeting the requirements to obtain  
8 National Board certification.

9 G. All teachers seeking National Board certification shall be  
10 eligible to participate in Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
11 training to assist them in meeting the requirements of the National  
12 Board certification process, free of charge.

13 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall  
14 ~~promulgate~~ adopt rules for the selection of scholarship recipients,  
15 the selection and utilization of alternates, the payment and  
16 reimbursement of application fees, and the issuance of scholarships.

17 I. Subject to district board of education policy or collective  
18 bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days may be  
19 granted to teachers seeking National Board certification for  
20 National Board certification portfolio development. During the two  
21 (2) days of the additional professional days granted to teachers for  
22 National Board certification portfolio development, a substitute

1 teacher shall be provided by the school district at no cost to the  
2 teacher.

3 J. The State Board of Education shall provide ~~all teachers~~ each  
4 teacher who ~~attain~~ attains National Board certification a bonus in  
5 the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) annually no later  
6 than January 31 for as long as they maintain their National Board  
7 certification and are teaching in the classroom full-time in ~~an~~  
8 ~~Oklahoma~~ a public school in this state. No school or school  
9 district shall be liable for payment of bonuses pursuant to this  
10 section.

11 K. The bonus shall not be included in the calculation of the  
12 teacher's salary for purposes of meeting the district or statutory  
13 minimum salary schedule or for purposes of ~~compensating~~ calculating  
14 Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System contributions or benefits.

15 L. The State Board of Education shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt rules  
16 for the provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include,  
17 but not be limited to, a process by which a National Board certified  
18 teacher will verify that:

- 19 1. The National Board certification has not lapsed; ~~and~~
- 20 2. The teacher is still a full-time teacher;
- 21 3. Beginning July 1, 2008, for any teacher who initially  
22 attains National Board certification or who receives an extension of  
23 the certification through the renewal process, the teacher is

1 serving as a mentor for the purposes of improving classroom  
2 instruction and student achievement to:

3 a. a teacher on an improvement plan, pursuant to Section  
4 6-101.24 of this title,

5 b. a teacher who requested mentoring, upon approval of  
6 the principal,

7 c. a teacher or teachers, upon assignment by the  
8 principal, or

9 d. a resident teacher, pursuant to Section 6-195 of this  
10 title; and

11 4. Beginning July 1, 2008, for any teacher who initially  
12 attains National Board certification or who receives an extension of  
13 the certification through the renewal process, the teacher agrees to  
14 participate in evaluation research approved by the State Department  
15 of Education or the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation.

16 M. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State  
17 Regents for Higher Education incorporate the National Board  
18 certification portfolio development into all programs in education  
19 leading to a master's level degree.

20 ~~N. Upon implementation of this subsection as provided for in~~  
21 ~~subsections O and P of this section~~ Contingent upon the  
22 appropriation of funds for the specific purpose of this subsection,  
23 the State Board of Education shall provide ~~all teachers~~ each teacher

1 who ~~attain~~ attains National Board certification a bonus in the  
2 amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) annually no later than  
3 January 31 for as long as they maintain their National Board  
4 certification and are full-time teachers in an Oklahoma public  
5 school. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
6 bonuses pursuant to this section. Upon implementation, the bonus  
7 provided for in this subsection shall replace the bonus provided for  
8 in subsection J of this section.

9 O. ~~Implementation of subsection N of this section shall be~~  
10 ~~contingent upon the appropriation by the Legislature of state funds~~  
11 ~~for the specific purpose of implementing subsection N of this~~  
12 ~~section. Nothing in this section shall prevent the State Board of~~  
13 ~~Education or a school district board of education from utilizing~~  
14 ~~private, local, or federal funds to implement subsection N of this~~  
15 ~~section.~~

16 P. ~~Implementation of subsection N of this section shall be~~  
17 ~~delayed until the current expenditure per pupil in average daily~~  
18 ~~attendance in public elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted~~  
19 ~~dollars for the 1998-99 school year or any school year thereafter~~  
20 ~~for Oklahoma, as reported by the National Center for Education~~  
21 ~~Statistics annually in the Digest of Education Statistics, reaches~~  
22 ~~at least ninety percent (90%) of the regional average expenditure~~  
23 ~~for that same year, and funds are provided. For purposes of this~~

1 ~~subsection, the regional average expenditure shall consist of the~~  
2 ~~current expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance in public~~  
3 ~~elementary and secondary schools in unadjusted dollars for each of~~  
4 ~~the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New~~  
5 ~~Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, averaged together. By January 1 of~~  
6 ~~each year, the State Board of Education shall report whether or not~~  
7 ~~the ninety-percent expenditure level has been reached based on~~  
8 ~~information reported annually in the Digest of Education Statistics~~  
9 ~~by the National Center for Education Statistics. Subsection N of~~  
10 ~~this section shall be implemented on July 1 after the first January~~  
11 ~~1 report verifies that the ninety percent expenditure level has been~~  
12 ~~reached and funds have been provided for the specific purposes of~~  
13 ~~the section.~~

14 Contingent upon the appropriation of funds for the specific  
15 purpose of this subsection, the State Board of Education shall  
16 provide each National Board certified teacher who teaches at a  
17 school on the school improvement list or teaches at a school where  
18 more than fifty percent (50%) of students qualify for the free and  
19 reduced-price lunch program an additional Two Thousand Dollars  
20 (\$2,000.00) at the conclusion of each school year taught.

21 P. It is the intent of the Legislature that when funds are  
22 available, that funds be appropriated to implement the provisions of

1 subsection O of this section prior to funds being appropriated to  
2 implement the provisions of subsection N of this section.

3 Q. Contingent on the availability of funds, the State Board of  
4 Education shall contract for an independent, value-added study of  
5 National Board certification and the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
6 program with an entity located in this state with experience  
7 conducting similar research.

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-16-05 - DO  
14 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.