STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 398 By: Monson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-204.1, as amended by Section 22, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 6-204.1), which relates to the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act; modifying certain definitions relating to school counselors; 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 6-204.1, as amended by Section 22, Chapter 434, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 6-204.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-204.1 For purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act:

1. "Salary bonus" means additional monies granted to teachers maintaining National Board certification subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature to the State Board of Education for that purpose;

2. "Certification" means National Board certification;

3. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation;

4. "National Board" means the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards <u>or, with respect to a school counselor, the National Board for Certified Counselors</u>;

5. "National Board certification" means National Board certification as provided by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards <u>or, with respect to a school counselor, National</u>

Certified School Counselor as provided by the National Board for Certified Counselors; and

6. "Teacher" means a classroom teacher, counselor, or librarian employed by a public school district on a full-time basis.

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

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

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