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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1477

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
9 Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
10 212, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section 6-189),
11 which relates to the licensure and certification
12 system; clarifying statutory language; modifying
13 certification requirements for school principals;
14 establishing certification requirements for
15 superintendent of schools; specifying certain
16 competencies; clarifying certain statutory citation;
17 providing an effective date; and declaring an
18 emergency.

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24 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 1, Chapter 212, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp.
2006, 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 1, 1996, the State Board of Education shall adopt general
2 competencies for licensure and certification, and by January 1,
3 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented
4 the licensure and certification systems as required in this act. No
5 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
6 State Board of Education in rules for licensure or certification.
7 Nothing in the ~~State Board of Education's~~ licensure and
8 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
9 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
10 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
11 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
12 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

13 B. The certification requirements for a ~~certificate for~~
14 ~~superintendent of schools and~~ school principal shall include not
15 less than:

- 16 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;
- 17 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
18 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
19 on curriculum ~~and~~, instruction and building-level leadership skills;
- 20 3. ~~Such~~ Any other professional education and requirements as
21 may be fixed by the State Board of Education;
- 22 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
23 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

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1 5. A minimum of two (2) ~~years~~ years of successful teaching,
2 ~~supervisory or administrative~~ experience in public or private
3 schools accredited by the Board.

4 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of
5 schools shall include not less than:

6 1. Certification as a school principal or completion of the
7 certification requirements for a school principal as set forth in
8 subsection B of this section;

9 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
10 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
11 on district-level leadership skills, and which shall include the
12 following competencies:

13 a. instructional leadership,

14 b. organizational leadership, including education
15 finance, education law, and risk management,

16 c. collaborative and community leadership, and

17 d. ethical leadership;

18 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
19 fixed by the State Board of Education;

20 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
21 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

22 5. A minimum of two (2) years of administrative experience in
23 public or private schools accredited by the Board.

1 D. 1. The standards for alternative certification for
2 superintendents of schools and principals shall include:

- 3 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 4 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a
5 supervisory or administrative capacity,
- 6 c. a passing score on the subject area competency
7 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,
8 and

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

20 2. An alternative certificate for superintendent of schools and
21 principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be
22 renewable.

23 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
24 preparation program by a participant, the director of teacher

1 education of an Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education
2 shall make a recommendation for standard certification to the State
3 Board of Education.

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

8 ~~D. E.~~ The certification requirements for a ~~certificate for~~
9 superintendent of a technology center school district shall include
10 not less than a standard master's degree, ~~such~~ any other
11 professional education requirements as may be fixed by the State
12 Board of Education, and a minimum of four (4) years teaching,
13 supervisory or administrative experience, which may include teaching
14 of full-time adult students, in a technology center school district,
15 ~~provided, a.~~ A person meeting the requirements set forth in
16 subsection ~~B C~~ of this section shall be eligible for a certificate
17 for superintendent of a technology center school district.

18 ~~E. F.~~ Certificates may be revoked by the State Board of
19 Education for willful violation of any rule of the ~~State Board of~~
20 ~~Education~~ or of any federal or state law or other proper cause but
21 only after sufficient hearing has been given before the ~~State Board~~
22 ~~of Education~~.

23 ~~F. G.~~ Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be
24 used for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

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

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