

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 2634

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2634 - By: KERN of the House and REYNOLDS of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 6-190), which relates to teacher licensure and certification; exempting certain teachers with out-of-state certification and certain experience from certain examination requirements; uniting certification to certain subject area; limiting teaching of person to certain subject areas; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-190, as last amended by
2 Section 4, Chapter 185, O.S.L. 2005 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 6-190), is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school district shall employ and
5 contract in writing, as required in Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified
6 or licensed to teach by the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma
7 Teacher Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101 of this title
8 and by other law.

9 B. The Board shall issue a license to teach to any person who:

1 G. Any person holding a valid out-of-state certificate and who has ten (10) or more
2 years of out-of-state teaching experience in the subject area in which they are certified
3 shall not be required to complete the subject area portions of the competency
4 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title to be issued a certificate to teach in
5 Oklahoma or to be considered a highly qualified teacher for purposes of the Elementary
6 and Secondary Education Act of 2001 (ESEA), P.L. No. 107-110, also known as the No
7 Child Left Behind Act of 2001. A certificate issued pursuant to this subsection shall be in
8 the same subject area in which the person was certified out-of-state. A person who is
9 granted a certificate pursuant to this subsection shall teach only in the subject area of
10 certification.

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 02-21-08 - DO
15 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.