

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3124

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board
8 of Education to issue a license to teach to persons
9 in the Teach for America Program; providing exemption
10 from residency program; requiring certain coursework;
11 directing State Board of Education to issue
12 certificate to teachers who meet certain
13 requirements; providing for codification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.4 of Title 70, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The State Board of Education shall issue a two-year,
20 nonrenewable license to teach to any person who has been accepted
21 into the Teach for America Program and has on file with the Board a
22 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State
23 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history
24 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
25 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the
26 Board may issue a temporary license which shall be effective until

1 receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record.
2 The person applying for a license shall be responsible for the cost
3 of the criminal history records.

4 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6-195 of Title 70
5 of the Oklahoma Statutes, teachers issued a license pursuant to this
6 section shall not be subject to the requirements of the residency
7 program, but shall complete the coursework requirements established
8 for participants of the Teach for America Program. Upon successful
9 completion of the coursework, the teacher shall be issued a
10 certificate to teach by the State Board of Education after
11 completion of the application and payment of the certification fee
12 as prescribed by the Board.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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