

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1680 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Pat Ownbey \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1680

By: Ownbey

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,  
10 Section 6-204.2, as last amended by Section 1,  
11 Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section  
12 6-204.2), which relate to the Education Leadership  
13 Oklahoma Act; deleting certain classroom requirement;  
14 modifying requirement for bonus; directing the State  
15 Board of Education to provide certain bonus to School  
16 Licensed Professional Counselors; directing the Board  
17 to adopt rules to verify employment and licensing  
18 status; providing for pro rata reduction of bonus;  
19 limiting liability of a school district for payment  
20 of the bonuses; excluding bonus from certain  
21 calculations; providing for increase in the bonus  
22 upon implementation of certain conditions; providing  
23 for codification; providing an effective date; and  
24 declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-204.2, as  
22 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 197, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp.  
23 2008, Section 6-204.2), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

10 2. Provide technical assistance and National Board certified  
11 mentors to all teachers seeking National Board certification upon  
12 request;

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

16 4. Provide a bonus to teachers who achieve National Board  
17 certification pursuant to the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act and  
18 State Board of Education rules;

19 5. Reward teachers who achieve National Board certification  
20 without the financial support of the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
21 program by awarding them the application fee and the amount of the  
22 scholarship given to Education Leadership Oklahoma participants  
23 pursuant to this section and commission rules; and

24 6. Provide recognition to National Board certified teachers.

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

3 1. Inform teachers of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
4 and the scholarships and services it provides to teachers seeking  
5 National Board certification, emphasizing recruiting efforts toward  
6 teachers at high-poverty schools, low-achieving schools and in  
7 counties with the lowest percentage of teachers who have achieved  
8 National Board certification;

9 2. Collect and review applications to the scholarship program  
10 from interested teachers;

11 3. Establish an applicant review committee for the purpose of  
12 identifying scholarship recipients pursuant to the Education  
13 Leadership Oklahoma Act for the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
14 program; and

15 4. Ensure that all scholarship recipients, alternates, and  
16 teachers seeking National Board certification independently receive  
17 adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to  
18 acquire National Board certification.

19 D. The applicant review committee shall:

20 1. Consist of:

21 a. five ~~classroom~~ teachers appointed by the State Board  
22 of Education, at least one of whom shall be a National  
23 Board certified teacher, if available,

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1           b.    five ~~classroom~~ teachers appointed by the Oklahoma  
2                    Commission for Teacher Preparation, at least one of  
3                    whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
4                    available,

5           c.    three ~~classroom~~ teachers appointed by the Oklahoma  
6                    State Regents for Higher Education, at least one of  
7                    whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
8                    available, and

9           d.    a chair to be designated by the Executive Director of  
10                   the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation from  
11                   among the appointed members; and

12           2.    Select up to four hundred teachers each year, of whom a  
13                   minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) teach at schools on the school  
14                   improvement list as determined by the State Board of Education  
15                   pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act or schools with more than  
16                   fifty percent (50%) of students who qualify for the free and reduced  
17                   price lunch program, and the appropriate number of alternates, who:

18                   a.    have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in  
19                   teaching,

20                   b.    meet all eligibility requirements for potential  
21                   certification as established by the National Board for  
22                   Professional Teaching Standards,

23                   c.    are employed in an Oklahoma public school, and

24                   d.    meet other requirements of the Commission.

1 E. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the  
2 Legislature for the purposes of this subsection, the application fee  
3 for National Board certification shall be paid for scholarship  
4 recipients by the Commission, and scholarship recipients shall be  
5 provided a scholarship in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars  
6 (\$500.00) to cover other expenses associated with obtaining National  
7 Board certification.

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

14 G. All teachers seeking National Board certification shall be  
15 eligible to participate in Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
16 training to assist them in meeting the requirements of the National  
17 Board certification process, free of charge.

18 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall  
19 promulgate rules for the selection of scholarship recipients, the  
20 selection and utilization of alternates, the payment and  
21 reimbursement of application fees, and the issuance of scholarships.

22 I. Subject to district board of education policy or collective  
23 bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days may be  
24 granted to teachers seeking National Board certification for

1 National Board certification portfolio development. During the two  
2 (2) days of the additional professional days granted to teachers for  
3 National Board certification portfolio development, a substitute  
4 teacher shall be provided by the school district at no cost to the  
5 teacher.

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

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

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

- 21 1. The National Board certification has not lapsed; and
- 22 2. The teacher is still a full-time teacher.

23 M. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State  
24 Regents for Higher Education incorporate the National Board

1 certification portfolio development into all programs in education  
2 leading to a master's level degree.

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

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

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-204.6 of Title 70, unless  
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. Subject to the availability of funds, the State Board of  
24 Education shall provide an annual salary bonus in the amount of Five

1 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) no later than January 31 of each year  
2 to school counselors licensed as Professional Counselors by the  
3 State Department of Health.

4 B. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the  
5 provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include, but not  
6 be limited to, a process by which a school counselor licensed as a  
7 Professional Counselor may verify that:

8 1. The individual is still employed by a school district;

9 2. The licensing required in subsection A of this section has  
10 been attained and has not lapsed; and

11 3. The individual is licensed to practice in this state.

12 C. An individual who qualifies for the bonus pursuant to this  
13 section and who is employed by a school district on less than a  
14 full-time basis, shall receive a prorated bonus based on the  
15 proportionate equivalency to full-time employment.

16 D. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
17 bonuses pursuant to this section. The bonus shall not be included  
18 in the calculation of salary for purposes of meeting the district or  
19 statutory minimum salary schedule or for purposes of calculating  
20 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma contributions or benefits.

21 E. The amount of the salary bonus pursuant to subsection A of  
22 this section shall be increased to Seven Thousand Dollars  
23 (\$7,000.00) upon implementation of subsection N of Section 6-204.2  
24 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

2 SECTION 4. 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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