

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

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3259 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**

Amendment submitted by: Gus Blackwell \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3259

By: Blackwell

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,  
9 Section 6-122.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 82,  
10 O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 6-122.3),  
11 which relates to the alternative placement teaching  
12 certificate; clarifying statutory language; modifying  
13 certain alternative placement program requirements;  
14 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-122.3, as  
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 82, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009,  
19 Section 6-122.3), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 6-122.3 A. The State Board of Education shall grant an  
21 alternative placement teaching certificate to a person who makes  
22 application to the State Board and meets all of the following  
23 criteria:

24 1. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution  
whose accreditation is recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for

1 Higher Education and has attained a cumulative grade point average  
2 of not less than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale;

3 2. Has completed a major in a field that corresponds to an area  
4 of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary Certificate, a  
5 Secondary Certificate or a vocational-technical certificate;

6 3. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by  
7 means of an alternative placement program in not more than three (3)  
8 years. The State Board of Education shall determine the subject  
9 matter of the professional education component of an alternative  
10 placement program. The number of clock or semester hours required  
11 for the professional education component of an alternative placement  
12 program needed to qualify for standard certification shall be as  
13 follows:

14 a. baccalaureate degree, eighteen (18) semester hours or  
15 two hundred seventy (270) clock hours, or

16 b. postbaccalaureate degree, twelve (12) semester hours  
17 or one hundred eighty (180) clock hours.

18 c. the State Board of Education shall establish a core  
19 minimum of six (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock  
20 hours for the professional education component.

21 The requirements set forth in this subsection shall exclude all  
22 student teaching requirements pursuant to the provisions of  
23 subsection E of this section;

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1       4. Has passed the general education and subject area portions  
2 of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this  
3 title in the area of specialization for which certification is  
4 sought; and

5       5. Either presents a document from an accredited public school  
6 district in this state offering employment in the area of  
7 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that  
8 the person enroll in an alternative placement program approved by  
9 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek  
10 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in  
11 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection  
12 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the  
13 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder  
14 of the certificate shall be considered a resident teacher for the  
15 purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

16       B. An alternative placement teaching certificate shall be  
17 renewed for not more than a maximum of three (3) years upon  
18 presentation of a document from an accredited public school district  
19 in this state offering renewed employment in the same area of  
20 specialization and a document from a teacher education institution  
21 verifying satisfactory progress in an appropriate alternative  
22 placement program.

23       C. Persons enrolled in an alternative placement program shall:  
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1           1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education  
2 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,  
3 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the  
4 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to offer teacher  
5 education programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed  
6 courses necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of  
7 the program, except those persons who hold a certificate;

8           2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an  
9 Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard  
10 certification requirements within three (3) years;

11           3. Participate in the Residency Program, established in Section  
12 6-195 of this title and have the same duties and responsibilities as  
13 other resident teachers, except those persons who hold a  
14 certificate; and

15           4. Except for persons participating in the federal Troops To  
16 Teachers Program, document at least ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years of work  
17 experience ~~after completion of the baccalaureate degree~~ which is  
18 related to the subject area of specialization if the person has only  
19 a baccalaureate degree with no postbaccalaureate work in a related  
20 area.

21           D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the  
22 requirements for licensure and certification and, upon demonstration  
23 by an individual of specific competency in the subject area of  
24 specialization, may grant a license or certificate to the

1 individual. The State Board may establish other requirements  
2 necessary to grant exceptions.

3 E. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience  
4 shall not be required of alternative placement program participants  
5 for standard certification.

6 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules  
7 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished  
8 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be  
9 required to meet standard certification. Adjunct teachers shall be  
10 limited to ninety (90) clock hours of classroom teaching per  
11 semester.

12 G. Each teacher education institution shall provide the Office  
13 of Accountability an annual report of information specified by the  
14 Office of Accountability regarding participation in the alternative  
15 placement programs offered by the Institution.

16 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall not  
17 accredit, renew the accreditation of, or otherwise approve any  
18 teacher education program of any institution of higher education in  
19 this state that has not implemented alternative placement programs  
20 in at least four areas of specialization, including mathematics,  
21 science and a foreign language. Each institution shall allow  
22 individuals who meet the criteria of subsections A and C of this  
23 section to be:

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1 1. Admitted to an alternative placement program without further  
2 qualification; and

3 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the requirements for  
4 standard certification set forth in subsection A of this section  
5 during the summer preceding and the summer following the first year  
6 of teaching with an alternative placement teaching certificate.  
7 Any person seeking standard certification through an alternative  
8 placement program shall be permitted to take necessary courses  
9 during regular semesters if offered.

10 I. The criteria specified in subsection H of this section can  
11 be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more  
12 institutions of higher education.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

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

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