

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2296

By: Carey, McDaniel (Jeannie),
Cannaday, Denney, Smithson
and Brannon of the House

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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
10 110, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 6-189),
11 which relates to the licensure and certification
12 system; modifying certain education administration
13 certification requirements; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-189, as
17 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp.
18 2009, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 6-189. A. The licensure and certification system
20 required by the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new
21 teacher preparation system shall be competency-based. The
22 competencies for licensure and certification shall be integrated
23 with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this title. By July
24 1, 1996, the State Board of Education shall adopt general
competencies for licensure and certification, and by January 1,

1 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented
2 the licensure and certification systems as required in this act. No
3 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
4 State Board of Education in rules for licensure or certification.
5 Nothing in the licensure and certification rules adopted by the
6 Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
7 from adopting policies and procedures it deems appropriate for
8 coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for teacher
9 preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
10 Education.

11 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not
12 alternatively certified under subsection D of this section shall
13 include not less than:

14 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;

15 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
16 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
17 on curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills;

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 successful teaching experience
23 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of
24 Education or by another state of the United States.

1 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of
2 schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this
3 section shall include not less than:

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

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

- 11 a. instructional leadership,
- 12 b. organizational leadership, including education
13 finance, education law, and risk management,
- 14 c. collaborative and community leadership, and
- 15 d. ethical leadership;

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

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

20 5. A minimum of two (2) years of administrative experience in
21 public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education
22 or by another state of the United States.

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

- a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a supervisory or administrative capacity,
- c. a passing score on the subject area competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this title, and
- d. filing with the director of teacher education at an Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a plan for completing an alternative administrative preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant work experience and coursework may be considered and applied to complete the plan.

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

3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal, as applicable, to the applicant.

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

1 E. The certification requirements for a superintendent of a
2 technology center school district shall include not less than a
3 standard master's degree, any other professional education
4 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a
5 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative
6 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,
7 in a technology center school district. A person meeting the
8 requirements set forth in subsection C of this section shall be
9 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center
10 school district.

11 F. Certificates may be revoked by the State Board of Education
12 for willful violation of any rule of the Board or of any federal or
13 state law or other proper cause but only after sufficient hearing
14 has been given before the Board.

15 G. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be used
16 for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

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

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of February,
2 2010.

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