

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 2296

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2296 - By: CAREY, MCDANIEL (JEANNIE) AND CANNADAY of the House and GUMM of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 6-189), which relates to the licensure and certification system; modifying certain education administration certification requirements; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-189, as last amended by
2 Section 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 6-189), is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 Section 6-189. A. The licensure and certification system required by the Oklahoma
5 Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher preparation system shall be
6 competency-based. The competencies for licensure and certification shall be integrated
7 with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State
8 Board of Education shall adopt general competencies for licensure and certification, and
9 by January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented the
10 licensure and certification systems as required in this act. No higher education courses
11 or credit hours may be specified by the State Board of Education in rules for licensure or

1 certification. Nothing in the licensure and certification rules adopted by the Board shall
2 prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
3 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for
4 teacher preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

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

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

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

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

13 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination required in Section
14 6-187 of this title; and

15 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience in public or private
16 schools accredited by the State Board of Education or by another state of the United
17 States.

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

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

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

- 4 a. instructional leadership,
- 5 b. organizational leadership, including education finance, education law,
6 and risk management,
- 7 c. collaborative and community leadership, and
- 8 d. ethical leadership;

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

11 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination required in Section
12 6-187 of this title; and

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

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

- 18 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 19 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a supervisory or
20 administrative capacity,
- 21 c. a passing score on the subject area competency examination required
22 in Section 6-187 of this title, and

1 d. filing with the director of teacher education at an Oklahoma accredited
2 institution of higher education a plan for completing an alternative
3 administrative preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant
4 work experience and coursework may be considered and applied to
5 complete the plan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-15-10
10 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.