

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 1837

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1837 - By: HAMILTON of the House and EASON MCINTYRE of the Senate.

(Schools - Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation - Inner City Schools Rescue program – codification - effective date – emergency)

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 6-210 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 A. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation is authorized to establish
5 the Inner City Schools Rescue program. The purpose of the program shall be to recruit
6 and train licensed or certified teachers to work in inner city schools and to provide
7 technical assistance and support to those teachers who participate in the program and
8 become employed in an inner city school.

9 B. For purposes of this section, an inner city school shall mean a school that is on
10 the school improvement list as determined by the Commission pursuant to the No Child
11 Left Behind Act or where ninety-five percent (95%) or more of the students enrolled in
12 the school qualify for the free and reduced lunch program.

1 C. To fulfill the objectives of the Inner City Schools Rescue program the
2 Commission shall:

- 3 1. Inform teachers of the program;
- 4 2. Collect and review applications for the program from interested teachers; and
- 5 3. Establish an applicant review committee to identify participants for the
6 program.

7 D. Each year the Commission shall select a certain number of teachers, as
8 determined by the Commission, who have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in
9 teaching and to working with at risk students in the inner city.

10 E. The Commission shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this
11 section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,
17 dated 02-24-09 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.