

EHB 2296

1 THE STATE SENATE  
2 Tuesday, March 23, 2010

3 ENGROSSED

4 House Bill No. 2296

5 As Amended

6 ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2296 - By: Carey, McDaniel (Jeannie),  
7 Cannaday, Denney, Smithson and Brannon of the House and Gumm of the  
8 Senate.

9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section  
10 6-189, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 110, O.S.L.  
11 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 6-189), which relates to  
12 the licensure and certification system; modifying certain  
13 education administration certification requirements; and  
14 declaring an 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  
25 competencies for licensure and certification, and by January 1,  
26 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented  
27 the licensure and certification systems as required in this act. No

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

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

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

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

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 successful teaching experience  
21 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of  
22 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of  
23 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 the proper accrediting authority of another state of the  
23 United States.

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

3 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,

4 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a  
5 supervisory or administrative capacity,

6 c. a passing score on the subject area competency  
7 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,  
8 and

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

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

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

22 4. Any person participating in an alternative certification  
23 program for superintendent of schools and principals on the

1 effective date of this act shall be subject to the program  
2 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

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

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

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 3-22-10 - DO  
24 PASS, As Amended.