

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 582

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing State Board of  
8 Education to grant alternative placement teaching  
9 certificate to any person who meets certain  
10 requirements; directing State Board of Education to  
11 adopt certain rules; directing Board to issue license  
12 to teach to persons who meet certain requirements;  
13 providing exemption from residency program; requiring  
14 participation in certain mentoring program; directing  
15 Board to issue certificate to teachers who meet  
16 certain requirements; directing Board to identify an  
17 organization that meets certain criteria; providing  
18 for codification; providing an effective date; and  
19 declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.5 of Title 70, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. The State Board of Education shall grant an Alternative  
Placement teaching certificate to any person:

1. Who meets the eligibility requirements for the Troops to  
Teachers program operated by the United States Department of Defense

1 and managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education  
2 Support (DANTES); and

3 2. Who meets the requirements set forth in Section 6-122.3 of  
4 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 B. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement  
6 the provisions of this section.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.6 of Title 70, unless  
9 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. The State Board of Education shall issue a one-year,  
11 nonrenewable secondary or middle level license to teach to any  
12 person who has attained certification by an alternative teacher  
13 certification organization as set forth in subsection C of this  
14 section and has on file with the Board a current Oklahoma criminal  
15 history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as  
16 well as a national criminal history record check as defined in  
17 Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon receipt of  
18 the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue a  
19 temporary license which shall be effective until receipt of the  
20 national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person  
21 applying for a license shall be responsible for the cost of the  
22 criminal history records.

23 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6-195 of Title 70  
24 of the Oklahoma Statutes, teachers issued a license pursuant to this

1 section shall not be subject to the requirements of the residency  
2 program, but shall participate in the mentoring program provided by  
3 the alternative teacher certification organization as set forth in  
4 subsection C of this section. Upon successful completion of such  
5 mentoring program, the teacher shall be issued a certificate to  
6 teach by the State Board of Education after completion of the  
7 application and payment of the certification fee as prescribed by  
8 the State Board of Education.

9 C. For purposes of this section, the State Board of Education  
10 shall identify an alternative teacher certification organization  
11 that was founded with grant funding from the United States  
12 Department of Education and that developed the Passport to Teaching  
13 program, which is a certification program designed for professionals  
14 who want to change careers and become teachers. The program shall  
15 require candidates to hold a bachelor's degree, pass a professional  
16 teaching knowledge exam, pass a subject area exam, and pass a  
17 background check. The organization shall provide candidates with  
18 access to workshops, an experienced teacher-advisor, and optional  
19 access to comprehensive subject matter refresher courses. The  
20 organization shall also provide an intensive mentoring and induction  
21 program.

22 D. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement  
23 the provisions of this section.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

1 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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