

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
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BILL NO. 2790

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House

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Ford of the Senate

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Section 6-189, which relates to the licensure and
certification system; and modifying certification
requirements for a superintendent of schools.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title to read

"[schools - licensure and certification -
superintendent]"

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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9 certification system; and modifying certification
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 6-189. A. The licensure and certification system
15 required by the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new
16 teacher preparation system shall be competency-based. The
17 competencies for licensure and certification shall be integrated
18 with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this title. By July
19 1, 1996, the State Board of Education shall adopt general
20 competencies for licensure and certification, and by January 1,
21 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented
22 the licensure and certification systems as required in this act. No
23 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
24 State Board of Education in rules for licensure or certification.

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

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

- 10 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;
- 11 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
12 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
13 on curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills;
- 14 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
15 fixed by the State Board of Education;
- 16 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
17 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and
- 18 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience
19 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of
20 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of
21 the United States.

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

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

4 2. ~~Completion~~

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

- 10 ~~a.~~ (1) instructional leadership,
11 ~~b.~~ (2) organizational leadership, including education
12 finance, education law, and risk management,
13 ~~c.~~ (3) collaborative and community leadership, and
14 ~~d.~~ (4) ethical leadership~~†~~, or

15 b. the requirement in subparagraph a of this paragraph
16 shall not apply to any person who has completed an
17 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation approved
18 Master's Degree in Education Administration or has
19 completed a program in education administration that
20 included competencies that are substantially equal to
21 those listed in subparagraph a of this paragraph, and
22 if the degree or program was completed between the
23 effective date of this act and July 1, 2005;
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1 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
2 fixed by the State Board of Education;

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

5 5. A minimum of two (2) years of administrative experience in
6 public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education
7 or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the
8 United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 F. Certificates may be revoked by the State Board of Education
23 for willful violation of any rule of the Board or of any federal or
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