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3 SUBCOMMITTEE  
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1317

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7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,  
9 Section 6-204.2, as last amended by Section 4,  
10 Chapter 457, O.S.L. 2010 (70 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section  
11 6-204.2), which relates to the Education Leadership  
12 Oklahoma Act; deleting requirement to pay certain  
13 expenses; modifying prohibition from accepting  
14 applications and making certain awards and payments;  
15 making certain actions subject to funding; and  
16 declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-204.2, as  
19 last amended by Section 4, Chapter 457, O.S.L. 2010 (70 O.S. Supp.  
20 2010, Section 6-204.2), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 6-204.2 A. Subject to the availability of funds, the  
22 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation and the State Board of  
23 Education are authorized to establish the Education Leadership  
24 Oklahoma program.

1 B. The purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
2 are:

3 1. Provide teachers throughout the state information about  
4 National Board certification and the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
5 program scholarships and services;

6 2. Provide technical assistance and National Board certified  
7 mentors to all teachers seeking National Board certification upon  
8 request;

9 3. Provide scholarships, pursuant to the Education Leadership  
10 Oklahoma Act and Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation rules,  
11 for teachers seeking National Board certification;

12 4. Provide a bonus to teachers who achieve National Board  
13 certification pursuant to the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act and  
14 State Board of Education rules;

15 5. Reward teachers who achieve National Board certification  
16 without the financial support of the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
17 program by awarding them the application fee and the amount of the  
18 scholarship given to Education Leadership Oklahoma participants  
19 pursuant to this section and commission rules; and

20 6. Provide recognition to National Board certified teachers.

21 C. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection P of this  
22 section, to fulfill the objectives of the Education Leadership  
23 Oklahoma Act, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall:

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1           1. Inform teachers of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
2 and the scholarships and services it provides to teachers seeking  
3 National Board certification, emphasizing recruiting efforts toward  
4 teachers at high-poverty schools, low-achieving schools and in  
5 counties with the lowest percentage of teachers who have achieved  
6 National Board certification;

7           2. Collect and review applications to the scholarship program  
8 from interested teachers;

9           3. Establish an applicant review committee for the purpose of  
10 identifying scholarship recipients pursuant to the Education  
11 Leadership Oklahoma Act for the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
12 program; and

13           4. Ensure that all scholarship recipients, alternates, and  
14 teachers seeking National Board certification independently receive  
15 adequate information regarding the level of commitment required to  
16 acquire National Board certification.

17           D. The applicant review committee shall:

18           1. Consist of:

19           a. five classroom teachers appointed by the State Board  
20 of Education, at least one of whom shall be a National  
21 Board certified teacher, if available,

22           b. five classroom teachers appointed by the Oklahoma  
23 Commission for Teacher Preparation, at least one of  
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1           whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
2           available,

3           c.   three classroom teachers appointed by the Oklahoma  
4           State Regents for Higher Education, at least one of  
5           whom shall be a National Board certified teacher, if  
6           available, and

7           d.   a chair to be designated by the Executive Director of  
8           the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation from  
9           among the appointed members; and

10          2.   Except as otherwise provided for in subsection P of this  
11         section, select up to four hundred teachers each year, of whom a  
12         minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) teach at schools on the school  
13         improvement list as determined by the State Board of Education  
14         pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act or schools with more than  
15         fifty percent (50%) of students who qualify for the free and reduced  
16         price lunch program, and the appropriate number of alternates, who:

17           a.   have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in  
18           teaching,

19           b.   meet all eligibility requirements for potential  
20           certification as established by the National Board for  
21           Professional Teaching Standards,

22           c.   are employed in an Oklahoma public school, and

23           d.   meet other requirements of the Commission.  
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1 E. Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the  
2 Legislature for the purposes of this subsection and except as  
3 otherwise provided for in subsection P of this section, the  
4 application fee for National Board certification shall be paid for  
5 scholarship recipients by the Commission, ~~and scholarship recipients~~  
6 ~~shall be provided a scholarship in the amount of Five Hundred~~  
7 ~~Dollars (\$500.00) to cover other expenses associated with obtaining~~  
8 ~~National Board certification.~~

9 F. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma  
10 Commission for Teacher Preparation contract with Southeastern  
11 Oklahoma State University to establish Education Leadership Oklahoma  
12 program training in higher education teacher preparation programs in  
13 the state to assist teachers in meeting the requirements to obtain  
14 National Board certification.

15 G. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection P of this  
16 section, all teachers seeking National Board certification shall be  
17 eligible to participate in Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
18 training to assist them in meeting the requirements of the National  
19 Board certification process, free of charge.

20 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall  
21 promulgate rules for the selection of scholarship recipients, the  
22 selection and utilization of alternates, the payment and  
23 reimbursement of application fees, and the issuance of scholarships.

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1 I. Subject to district board of education policy or collective  
2 bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days may be  
3 granted to teachers seeking National Board certification for  
4 National Board certification portfolio development. During the two  
5 (2) days of the additional professional days granted to teachers for  
6 National Board certification portfolio development, a substitute  
7 teacher shall be provided by the school district at no cost to the  
8 teacher.

9 J. Except as otherwise provided for in subsection P of this  
10 section, the State Board of Education shall provide all teachers who  
11 attain National Board certification a bonus in the amount of Five  
12 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) annually no later than January 31 for  
13 as long as they maintain their National Board certification and are  
14 teaching in the classroom full-time in an Oklahoma public school.  
15 No school or school district shall be liable for payment of bonuses  
16 pursuant to this section.

17 K. The bonus shall not be included in the calculation of the  
18 teacher's salary for purposes of meeting the district or statutory  
19 minimum salary schedule or for purposes of compensating Oklahoma  
20 Teachers' Retirement System contributions or benefits.

21 L. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for the  
22 provision of the bonus pursuant to this section to include, but not  
23 be limited to, a process by which a National Board certified teacher  
24 will verify that:

1 1. The National Board certification has not lapsed; and

2 2. The teacher is still a full-time teacher.

3 M. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State  
4 Regents for Higher Education incorporate the National Board  
5 certification portfolio development into all programs in education  
6 leading to a master's level degree.

7 N. Upon implementation of this subsection as provided for in  
8 subsection O of this section, the State Board of Education shall  
9 provide all teachers who attain National Board certification a bonus  
10 in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) annually no  
11 later than January 31 for as long as they maintain their National  
12 Board certification and are full-time teachers in an Oklahoma public  
13 school. No school or school district shall be liable for payment of  
14 bonuses pursuant to this section. Upon implementation, the bonus  
15 provided for in this subsection shall replace the bonus provided for  
16 in subsection J of this section.

17 O. Implementation of subsection N of this section shall be  
18 contingent upon the appropriation by the Legislature of state funds  
19 for the specific purpose of implementing subsection N of this  
20 section. Nothing in this section shall prevent the State Board of  
21 Education or a school district board of education from utilizing  
22 private, local, or federal funds to implement subsection N of this  
23 section.

1 P. 1. ~~Except as otherwise provided~~ Subject to the availability  
2 of funds, beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 the Oklahoma  
3 Commission for Teacher Preparation ~~shall not accept any applications~~  
4 may select up to two hundred teachers for the Education Leadership  
5 Oklahoma program, award scholarships pursuant to the Education  
6 Leadership Oklahoma Act ~~or~~ and pay the National Board certification  
7 application fee for scholarship recipients ~~after June 30, 2010,~~  
8 ~~through June 30, 2012.~~ ~~The Commission may pay any scholarship~~  
9 ~~amounts or pay the National Board certification application fees~~  
10 ~~incurred after June 30, 2010, for any teacher selected for the~~  
11 ~~Education Leadership Oklahoma program before June 30, 2010.~~

12 2. Except as otherwise provided, the State Board of Education  
13 shall not provide a bonus in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars  
14 (\$5,000.00) as authorized in subsection J of this section beginning  
15 June 30, 2010, through June 30, 2012, to any teacher who attains  
16 National Board certification after June 30, 2010, through June 30,  
17 2012. The Board shall provide a bonus to any teacher who attains  
18 National Board certification after June 30, 2010, if the teacher was  
19 selected for the Education Leadership Oklahoma program before June  
20 30, 2010, or the teacher has submitted an application for National  
21 Board certification to the National Board for Professional Teaching  
22 Standards before June 30, 2010.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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