

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2790

By: Ortega of the House

and

Ford of the Senate

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                   An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
12                   Section 6-189, which relates to the licensure and  
13                   certification system; modifying certification  
14                   requirements for a superintendent of schools;  
15                   providing an effective date; and declaring an  
16                   emergency.

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

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

20                   Section 6-189. A. The licensure and certification system  
21 required by the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new  
22 teacher preparation system shall be competency-based. The  
23 competencies for licensure and certification shall be integrated

1 with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this title. By July  
2 1, 1996, the State Board of Education shall adopt general  
3 competencies for licensure and certification, and by January 1,  
4 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented  
5 the licensure and certification systems as required in this act. No  
6 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the  
7 State Board of Education in rules for licensure or certification.  
8 Nothing in the licensure and certification rules adopted by the  
9 Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education  
10 from adopting policies and procedures it deems appropriate for  
11 coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for teacher  
12 preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
13 Education.

14 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not  
15 alternatively certified under subsection D of this section shall  
16 include not less than:

- 17 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;
- 18 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved  
19 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis  
20 on curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills;
- 21 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be  
22 fixed by the State Board of Education;

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

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

7 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of  
8 schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this  
9 section shall include not less than:

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

13 2. ~~Completion~~

14 a. completion of a program in education administration  
15 approved by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher  
16 Preparation with an emphasis on district-level  
17 leadership skills, and which shall include the  
18 following competencies:

19 ~~a.~~ (1) instructional leadership,

20 ~~b.~~ (2) organizational leadership, including education  
21 finance, education law, and risk management,

22 ~~c.~~ (3) collaborative and community leadership, and

23 ~~d.~~ (4) ethical leadership, or

1           b. the requirement in subparagraph a of this paragraph  
2           shall not apply to any person who has completed an  
3           Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation approved  
4           Master's Degree in Education Administration or has  
5           completed a program in education administration that  
6           included competencies that are substantially equal to  
7           those listed in subparagraph a of this paragraph, and  
8           if the degree or program was completed between the  
9           effective date of this act and July 1, 2005;

10           3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be  
11 fixed by the State Board of Education;

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

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

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

- 20           a. the completion of a standard master's degree,  
21           b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a  
22           supervisory or administrative capacity,  
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1 c. a passing score on the subject area competency  
2 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,  
3 and

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

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

13 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative  
14 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education  
15 shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal,  
16 as applicable, to the applicant.

17 4. Any person participating in an alternative certification  
18 program for superintendent of schools and principals on the  
19 effective date of this act shall be subject to the program  
20 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

21 E. The certification requirements for a superintendent of a  
22 technology center school district shall include not less than a  
23 standard master's degree, any other professional education

1 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a  
2 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative  
3 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,  
4 in a technology center school district. A person meeting the  
5 requirements set forth in subsection C of this section shall be  
6 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center  
7 school district.

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

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

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03/01/2012  
21 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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