

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB1233

By: Coody of the House and Halligan of the Senate

Title: Schools; providing for certification and pay for teachers in certain special education areas;
effective date; emergency.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the Senate recede from its amendment; and
2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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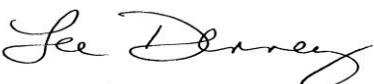
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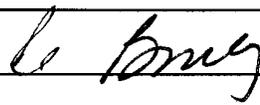
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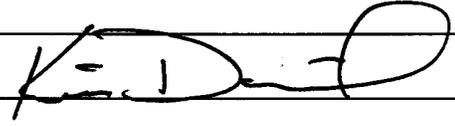
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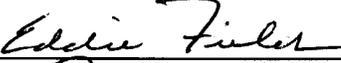
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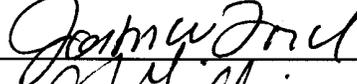
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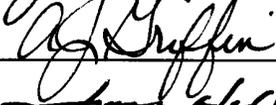
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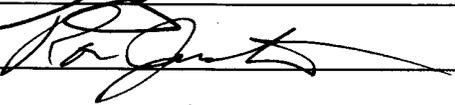
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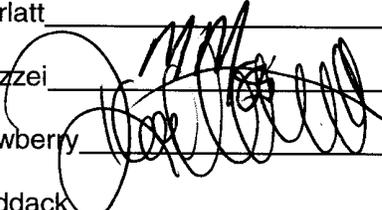
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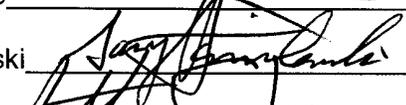
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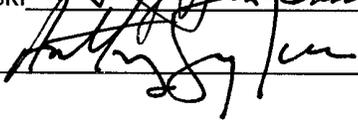
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1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1233

By: Coody, Virgin, Nollan and
Pittman of the House

and

Halligan, Ivester and
Simpson of the Senate

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11 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 An Act relating to schools; directing the State Board
13 of Education to issue a one-year provisional
14 certificate in certain special education areas;
15 listing candidate requirements; allowing renewal of
16 the provisional certificate under circumstances;
17 providing for the issuance of a standard certificate
18 in certain special education areas to certain
19 individuals; listing requirements for standard
20 certification; directing the Board to adopt rules;
21 directing the Board to issue a standard certificate
22 in a certain special education area; specifying
23 criteria for certification; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
24 Section 6-187, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter
223, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 6-187),
which relates to competency examinations; deleting
examination dates for certain certification;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.7 of Title 70, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the State
5 Board of Education shall issue a one-year provisional certificate to
6 teach in the area of mild-moderate or severe-profound disabilities
7 to any qualified candidate who has:

8 1. Been recommended for a certificate by a school district
9 board of education or an accredited institution of higher education;

10 2. Satisfactorily completed a one-hundred-fifty-clock-hour
11 special education program prescribed by the Board; and

12 3. On file with the Board a national criminal history record
13 check as required pursuant to Section 5-142 of Title 70 of the
14 Oklahoma Statutes. The individual applying for a provisional
15 certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the national
16 criminal history record check.

17 B. The one-year provisional certificate issued pursuant to this
18 section may be renewed for two (2) additional periods of one-year
19 each upon proof from an accredited institution of higher education
20 that the individual has successfully completed at least six (6)
21 credit hours of prescribed coursework during the previous year in an
22 alternative route to certification program in either mild-moderate
23 or severe-profound disabilities or toward a master's degree in
24 special education.

1 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board
2 of Education shall issue a standard certificate in the area of mild-
3 moderate or severe-profound disabilities to any individual who has:

4 1. Been issued one or more provisional certificates pursuant to
5 this section;

6 2. Successfully completed the prescribed coursework and any
7 required examinations of an alternative route to certification
8 program in either mild-moderate or severe-profound disabilities or a
9 master's degree in special education from an accredited institution
10 of higher education within three (3) years of issuance of the
11 original provisional certificate;

12 3. Successfully completed the appropriate subject area
13 competency examination as required pursuant to Section 6-187 of
14 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

15 4. Submitted an application and payment of the required
16 certification fee.

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

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.8 of Title 70, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board of
23 Education shall issue a standard certificate in the area of mild-
24 moderate or severe-profound disabilities to any individual who has:

1 1. Successfully completed the prescribed coursework and any
2 examination that may be required for a master's degree in special
3 education from an accredited institution of higher education;

4 2. Successfully completed the appropriate subject area
5 competency examination as required pursuant to Section 6-187 of
6 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7 3. On file with the State Board of Education a national
8 criminal history record check as required pursuant to Section 5-142
9 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

10 4. Submitted an application and payment of the required
11 certification fee.

12 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-187, as
13 last amended by Section 11, Chapter 223, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
14 2012, Section 6-187), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 6-187. A. Prior to July 1, 2014, a competency
16 examination shall be adopted by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
17 Preparation and beginning July 1, 2014, a competency examination
18 shall be adopted by the Commission for Educational Quality and
19 Accountability for the general education, professional education and
20 various subject areas and grade levels for purposes of ensuring
21 academic achievement and competency of each teacher candidate or
22 teacher in the subject area the person is seeking licensure or
23 certification to teach which shall also include licensure or
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1 certification as an administrator, as prescribed by the State Board
2 of Education.

3 The Commission, consistent with the purposes of this section,
4 shall promulgate rules and procedures to guarantee the
5 confidentiality of examinations.

6 B. No teacher candidate shall be eligible for licensing until
7 successfully completing the competency examination except those
8 candidates who make application to the State Board and meet the
9 criteria for the ~~Alternative Placement Program~~ alternative placement
10 program pursuant to Section 6-122.3 of this title. Certification
11 shall be limited to areas of approval in which the licensed or
12 certified teacher has successfully completed the examination.
13 Subject to the provisions of subsection C of this section, testing
14 for certification for subjects in which a teacher candidate or
15 teacher is seeking a minor teaching assignment or an endorsement to
16 teach shall be limited to the specific subject area test.

17 A teacher candidate or teacher may take the general education,
18 professional education or subject area portions of the examination
19 subject to any limit imposed by the Commission.

20 C. 1. Except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, a
21 teacher may be certified in as many areas as the teacher meets the
22 necessary requirements provided by law and has successfully
23 completed the subject area portion of the examination.

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1 ~~Certification~~ 2. Except as otherwise provided for in this
2 paragraph, certification in early childhood, elementary, or special
3 education shall require completion of an appropriate teacher
4 education program approved by the Commission.

5 ~~2.~~ Any teacher who is certified to teach elementary education
6 may be certified in early childhood education upon meeting the
7 requirements provided in law and successful completion of the
8 appropriate subject area portion of the examination ~~by July 1, 2014.~~
9 Any teacher who is certified to teach early childhood education may
10 be certified in elementary education upon meeting the requirements
11 provided in law and successful completion of the appropriate subject
12 area portion of the examination ~~by July 1, 2014.~~ Any special
13 education teacher who becomes certified to teach through completion
14 of an accredited teacher preparation program may be certified in
15 early childhood or elementary education upon meeting the
16 requirements provided in law and successful completion of the
17 appropriate subject portion of the examination ~~prior to July 1,~~
18 ~~2014.~~ Any teacher who becomes certified to teach through completion
19 of an accredited teacher preparation program or becomes
20 alternatively certified to teach through the Troops to Teachers
21 program may be certified in special education upon meeting the
22 requirements provided in law and successful completion of the
23 appropriate subject area portion of the examination ~~by July 1, 2014.~~
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1 D. The Commission shall offer the competency examination at
2 least four times per calendar year on dates to be established by the
3 Commission.

4 E. Nothing in the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act shall
5 restrict the right of the State Board of Education to issue an
6 emergency or provisional certificate, as needed. Provided, however,
7 prior to the issuance of an emergency certificate, the district
8 shall document substantial efforts to employ a teacher who holds a
9 provisional or standard certificate or who is licensed in the
10 teaching profession. In the event a district is unable to hire an
11 individual meeting this criteria, the district shall document
12 efforts to employ an individual with a provisional or standard
13 certificate or with a license in another curricular area with
14 academic preparation in the field of need. Only after these
15 alternatives have been exhausted shall the district be allowed to
16 employ an individual meeting minimum standards as established by the
17 State Board of Education for the issuance of emergency certificates.

18 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

19 SECTION 5. 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.

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