

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2822 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Lee Denney

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2822

By: Denney

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
10 Section 6-122.3, as last amended by Section 7,  
11 Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section  
12 6-122.3), which relates to eligibility for an  
13 alternative placement teaching certificate; making  
14 the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability  
15 responsible for accepting applications; changing the  
16 number of hours for the professional component;  
17 allowing certain rating to be considered; updating  
18 references to the Commission for Teacher Preparation;  
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-122.3, as  
23 last amended by Section 7, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.  
24 2015, Section 6-122.3), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-122.3 A. The State Board of Education shall grant an  
alternative placement teaching certificate to a person who ~~makes~~ has  
made application to the ~~Board~~ Office of Educational Quality and

1 Accountability and ~~meets~~ has been determined by the Office to meet  
2 all of the following criteria:

3 1. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution  
4 whose accreditation is recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for  
5 Higher Education and has attained a retention grade point average of  
6 not less than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale;

7 2. Has completed a major in a field that corresponds to an area  
8 of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary Certificate, a  
9 Secondary Certificate or a vocational-technical certificate;

10 3. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by  
11 means of an alternative placement program in not more than three (3)  
12 years. The State Board of Education shall determine the subject  
13 matter of the professional education component of an alternative  
14 placement program. The number of clock or semester hours required  
15 for the professional education component of an alternative placement  
16 program needed to qualify for standard certification shall be as  
17 follows:

18 a. baccalaureate degree, ~~eighteen (18)~~ twelve (12)  
19 semester hours or ~~two hundred seventy (270)~~ one  
20 hundred eighty (180) clock hours, or

21 b. postbaccalaureate degree, ~~twelve (12)~~ nine (9)  
22 semester hours or ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ one hundred  
23 thirty-five (135) clock hours.

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1 The State Board of Education shall establish a core minimum of six  
2 (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock hours for the professional  
3 education component.

4 A person who has averaged a rating of "effective" or above as  
5 measured pursuant to the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation  
6 System (TLE) as set forth in Section 6-101.16 of this title for two  
7 (2) of the three (3) years in which the person holds an alternative  
8 certificate shall not be required to complete the number of clock or  
9 semester hours in order to qualify for standard certification.

10 The requirements set forth in this subsection shall exclude all  
11 student teaching requirements pursuant to the provisions of  
12 subsection E of this section;

13 4. Has passed the general education and subject area portions  
14 of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this  
15 title in the area of specialization for which certification is  
16 sought; and

17 5. Either presents a document from an accredited public school  
18 district in this state offering employment in the area of  
19 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that  
20 the person enroll in an alternative placement program approved by  
21 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek  
22 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in  
23 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection  
24 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the

1 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder  
2 of the certificate shall be considered a resident teacher for the  
3 purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

4 B. An alternative placement teaching certificate shall be  
5 renewed by the Board for not more than a maximum of three (3) years  
6 upon presentation of a document from an accredited public school  
7 district in this state offering renewed employment in the same area  
8 of specialization and a document from a teacher education  
9 institution verifying satisfactory progress in an appropriate  
10 alternative placement program.

11 C. Persons enrolled in an alternative placement program shall:

12 1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education  
13 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,  
14 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the  
15 ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ Educational Quality and  
16 Accountability to offer teacher education programs, nor have  
17 enrolled in and subsequently failed courses necessary to  
18 successfully meet the minimum requirements of the program, except  
19 those persons who hold a certificate;

20 2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an  
21 Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard  
22 certification requirements within three (3) years;

23 3. Participate in the Residency Program, established in Section  
24 6-195 of this title and have the same duties and responsibilities as

1 other resident teachers, except those persons who hold a  
2 certificate; and

3 4. Except for persons participating in the federal Troops To  
4 Teachers Program, document at least two (2) years of work experience  
5 which is related to the subject area of specialization if the person  
6 has only a baccalaureate degree with no postbaccalaureate work in a  
7 related area.

8 D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the  
9 requirements for certification and, upon demonstration by an  
10 individual of specific competency in the subject area of  
11 specialization, may grant a certificate to the individual. The  
12 State Board may establish other requirements necessary to grant  
13 exceptions.

14 E. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience  
15 shall not be required of alternative placement program participants  
16 for standard certification.

17 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules  
18 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished  
19 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be  
20 required to meet standard certification. Adjunct teachers shall be  
21 limited to ninety (90) clock hours of classroom teaching per  
22 semester.

23 G. Each teacher education institution shall provide the  
24 ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ Educational Quality and

1 Accountability an annual report of information as specified by the  
2 Commission regarding participation in the alternative placement  
3 programs offered by the Institution.

4 H. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Commission for ~~Teacher Preparation~~ Educational  
5 Quality and Accountability shall not accredit, renew the  
6 accreditation of, or otherwise approve any teacher education program  
7 of any institution of higher education in this state that has not  
8 implemented alternative placement programs in at least four areas of  
9 specialization, including mathematics, science and a foreign  
10 language. Each institution shall allow individuals who meet the  
11 criteria of subsections A and C of this section to be:

12 1. Admitted to an alternative placement program without further  
13 qualification; and

14 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the requirements for  
15 standard certification set forth in subsection A of this section  
16 during the summer preceding and the summer following the first year  
17 of teaching with an alternative placement teaching certificate. Any  
18 person seeking standard certification through an alternative  
19 placement program shall be permitted to take necessary courses  
20 during regular semesters if offered.

21 I. The criteria specified in subsection H of this section can  
22 be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more  
23 institutions of higher education.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

1       SECTION 3. 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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