

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1213

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Education Leadership Oklahoma;  
8 amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-204.2, as last  
9 amended by Section 2, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013 (70  
10 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 6-204.2), which relates to  
11 operation of the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
12 program; updating references; allowing the Commission  
13 for Educational Quality and Accountability to award  
14 certain renewal fees; allowing for reimbursement of  
15 certain renewal fees; providing an effective date;  
16 and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-204.2, as  
19 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp.  
20 2015, Section 6-204.2), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 6-204.2. A. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Commission for ~~Teacher~~  
22 ~~Preparation~~ Educational Quality and Accountability and the State  
23 Board of Education are authorized to establish the Education  
24 Leadership Oklahoma program.

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

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

4 2. Provide technical assistance and National-Board-certified  
5 mentors to all teachers seeking National Board certification upon  
6 request;

7 3. Reward teachers who are seeking National Board certification  
8 by awarding them a portion of the application processing charge and  
9 assessment fee and scholarship as provided in subsection D of this  
10 section; and

11 4. Provide recognition to National-Board-certified teachers.

12 C. To fulfill the objectives of the Education Leadership  
13 Oklahoma Act, the ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ shall:

14 1. Inform teachers of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
15 and services it provides to teachers seeking National Board  
16 certification, emphasizing recruiting efforts toward teachers at  
17 high-poverty schools, schools identified as in need of improvement  
18 and in counties with the lowest percentage of teachers who have  
19 achieved National Board certification; and

20 2. Ensure that all teachers seeking National Board  
21 certification receive adequate information regarding the level of  
22 commitment required to acquire National Board certification.

23 D. The Commission shall select not more than one hundred  
24 applicants to participate in the program each fiscal year for whom

1 the Commission shall pay one-half (1/2) of the application  
2 processing charge and assessment fee for National Board  
3 certification or renewal. The total amount paid by the Commission  
4 shall not exceed One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00). In  
5 addition the Commission shall also provide to the selected  
6 applicants a scholarship in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars  
7 (\$500.00) to cover other expenses associated with obtaining National  
8 Board certification or renewal.

9 E. The Commission shall promulgate rules establishing a process  
10 for accepting applications for the Education Leadership Oklahoma  
11 program and for providing to applicants selected for the program up-  
12 front payment of the application processing charge and assessment  
13 fee and scholarship. If a selected applicant who receives the up-  
14 front payment does not complete National Board certification within  
15 three (3) years, the applicant shall repay the Commission the full  
16 amount paid by the Commission pursuant to subsection D of this  
17 section. All selected applicants who do not receive an up-front  
18 payment and successfully complete National Board certification or  
19 renewal shall be reimbursed by the Commission for the application  
20 processing charge and assessment fee. The total amount of  
21 reimbursement paid by the Commission shall not exceed One Thousand  
22 Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00).

23 F. It is the intent of the Legislature that the ~~Oklahoma~~  
24 ~~Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ contract with Southeastern

1 Oklahoma State University to establish Education Leadership Oklahoma  
2 program training in higher education teacher preparation programs in  
3 the state to assist teachers in meeting the requirements to obtain  
4 National Board certification.

5 G. All teachers seeking National Board certification shall be  
6 eligible to participate in Education Leadership Oklahoma program  
7 training to assist them in meeting the requirements of the National  
8 Board certification process, free of charge.

9 H. Subject to district board of education policy or collective  
10 bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days may be  
11 granted to teachers seeking National Board certification for  
12 National Board certification portfolio development. During the two  
13 (2) days of the additional professional days granted to teachers for  
14 National Board certification portfolio development, a substitute  
15 teacher shall be provided by the school district at no cost to the  
16 teacher.

17 I. 1. The State Board of Education shall provide to teachers  
18 who attained National Board certification prior to June 30, 2013, a  
19 bonus in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) annually  
20 over a ten-year period, to be paid no later than January 31 each  
21 year. The Board shall provide a bonus to any teacher who attains  
22 National Board certification after June 30, 2013, if the teacher was  
23 selected for the Education Leadership Oklahoma program before June  
24 30, 2013, or the teacher has submitted an application for National

1 Board certification to the National Board for Professional Teaching  
2 Standards before June 30, 2013.

3 2. The teachers eligible to receive the annual bonus as  
4 provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall receive the  
5 annual bonus for the ten-year duration of their National Board  
6 certification and so long as they are teaching in the classroom  
7 full-time in an Oklahoma public school. No school or school  
8 district shall be liable for payment of bonuses pursuant to this  
9 section.

10 3. The bonus shall not be included in the calculation of the  
11 teacher's salary for purposes of meeting the district or statutory  
12 minimum salary schedule or for purposes of compensating Oklahoma  
13 Teachers' Retirement System contributions or benefits.

14 4. Teachers eligible to receive the annual bonus as provided  
15 for in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall not be eligible to  
16 receive the additional salary increment for National Board  
17 certification as set forth in the minimum salary schedule in Section  
18 3 18-114.14 of this ~~act~~ title.

19 5. Teachers who attain National Board certification after June  
20 30, 2013, shall be eligible to receive the additional salary  
21 increments for National Board certification as set forth in the  
22 minimum salary schedule in Section 3 18-114.14 of this ~~act~~ title.

1           6. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for a  
2 process by which a National-Board-certified teacher will verify  
3 that:

- 4           a. the National Board certification has not lapsed,
- 5           b. the teacher is still a full-time teacher, and
- 6           c. for teachers eligible for the bonus, the teacher has  
7           not exceeded the limit of annual bonus payments as  
8           provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

9           J. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State  
10 Regents for Higher Education incorporate the National Board  
11 certification portfolio development into all programs in education  
12 leading to a master's level degree.

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

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

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