

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1298

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter
9 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 6-189),
10 which relates to teacher certification; removing
11 language regarding requirements for superintendent
certification; updating reference; allowing boards of
education certain discretion upon certain date;
providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as
16 last amended by Section 14, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
17 2015, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the
19 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher
20 preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for
21 certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in
22 Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of
23 Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by
24 January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and

1 implemented the certification system as required in this act. No
2 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
3 State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the
4 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
5 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
6 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
7 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
8 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

9 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not
10 alternatively certified under subsection DC of this section shall
11 include not less than:

12 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;

13 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
14 by the Oklahoma Commission for ~~Teacher Preparation~~ Educational
15 Quality and Accountability with an emphasis on curriculum,
16 instruction and building-level leadership skills;

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

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

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

1 C. ~~The certification requirements for a superintendent of~~
2 ~~schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this~~
3 ~~section shall include not less than:~~

4 1. ~~Certification as a school principal or completion of the~~
5 ~~certification requirements for a school principal as set forth in~~
6 ~~subsection B of this section;~~

7 2. ~~Completion of a program in education administration approved~~
8 ~~by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis~~
9 ~~on district-level leadership skills, and which shall include the~~
10 ~~following competencies:~~

11 a. ~~instructional leadership,~~

12 b. ~~organizational leadership, including education~~
13 ~~finance, education law, and risk management,~~

14 c. ~~collaborative and community leadership, and~~

15 d. ~~ethical leadership, or~~

16 ~~The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person~~
17 ~~who has completed an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~
18 ~~approved Master's Degree in Education Administration or has~~
19 ~~completed a program in education administration that included~~
20 ~~competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this~~
21 ~~paragraph, and if the degree or program was completed between the~~
22 ~~effective date of this act and July 1, 2005;~~

23 3. ~~Any other professional education and requirements as may be~~
24 ~~fixed by the State Board of Education;~~

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 administrative experience in~~
4 ~~public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education~~
5 ~~or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the~~
6 ~~United States.~~

7 ~~D.~~ 1. The standards for alternative certification for
8 ~~superintendents of schools and principals shall include:~~

- 9 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 10 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a
11 supervisory or administrative capacity,
- 12 c. a passing score on the subject area competency
13 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,
14 and
- 15 d. filing with the director of teacher education at an
16 Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a
17 plan for completing an alternative administrative
18 preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant
19 work experience and coursework may be considered and
20 applied to complete the plan.

21 2. An alternative certificate for ~~superintendent of schools and~~
22 ~~principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be~~
23 ~~renewable.~~

1 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
2 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education
3 shall issue a standard certificate for ~~superintendent or~~ principal,
4 as applicable, to the applicant.

5 4. Any person participating in an alternative certification
6 program for ~~superintendent of schools and~~ principals on the
7 effective date of this act shall be subject to the program
8 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

9 ~~E.~~ D. The certification requirements for a superintendent of a
10 technology center school district shall include not less than a
11 standard master's degree, any other professional education
12 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a
13 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative
14 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,
15 in a technology center school district. A person meeting the
16 requirements set forth in subsection C of this section shall be
17 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center
18 school district.

19 ~~F.~~ E. Certificates may be revoked by the State Board of
20 Education for willful violation of any rule of the Board or of any
21 federal or state law or other proper cause but only after sufficient
22 hearing has been given before the Board.

23 ~~G.~~ F. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be
24 used for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

1 G. As of the effective day of this act, each school district
2 board of education shall have the discretion to hire a
3 superintendent regardless of any certification previously required
4 by law.

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

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

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