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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 187

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An Act relating to education certification; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-189), which relates to teacher certification; removing language regarding requirements for superintendent certification; updating reference; allowing boards of education certain discretion upon certain date; requiring superintendents hired upon certain date to have certain degree; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of

1 Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by
2 January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and
3 implemented the certification system as required in ~~this act~~ Section
4 6-180 et seq. of this title. No higher education courses or credit
5 hours may be specified by the State Board of Education in rules for
6 certification. Nothing in the certification rules adopted by the
7 Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
8 from adopting policies and procedures it deems appropriate for
9 coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for teacher
10 preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher
11 Education.

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

- 15 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;
- 16 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
17 by the Oklahoma Commission for ~~Teacher Preparation~~ Educational
18 Quality and Accountability with an emphasis on curriculum,
19 instruction and building-level leadership skills;
- 20 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
21 fixed by the State Board of Education;
- 22 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
23 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and
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1 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience
2 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of
3 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of
4 the United States.

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

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

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

15 ~~a. instructional leadership,~~

16 ~~b. organizational leadership, including education~~
17 ~~finance, education law, and risk management,~~

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

19 ~~d. ethical leadership, or~~

20 ~~The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person~~
21 ~~who has completed an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~
22 ~~approved Master's Degree in Education Administration or has~~
23 ~~completed a program in education administration that included~~
24 ~~competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this~~

1 ~~paragraph, and if the degree or program was completed between the~~
2 ~~effective date of this act and July 1, 2005;~~

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

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

7 ~~5. A minimum of two (2) years of administrative experience in~~
8 ~~public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education~~
9 ~~or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the~~
10 ~~United States.~~

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

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

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

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

8 4. Any person participating in an alternative certification
9 program for ~~superintendent of schools and~~ principals on ~~the~~
10 ~~effective date of this act~~ July 1, 2005, shall be subject to the
11 program requirements in effect prior to ~~the effective date of this~~
12 ~~act~~ July 1, 2005.

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

23 ~~F.~~ E. Certificates may be revoked by the State Board of
24 Education for willful violation of any rule of the Board or of any

1 federal or state law or other proper cause but only after sufficient
2 hearing has been given before the Board.

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

5 G. As of the effective date of this act, each school district
6 board of education shall have the discretion to hire a
7 superintendent regardless of any certification previously required
8 by law. A superintendent hired on or after the effective date of
9 this act shall have completed a standard master's degree.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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

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