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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2888

By: Taylor

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-190), which relates to teacher certification; modifying types of certificates issued by the State Board of Education; establishing initial, career, mentor and lead teaching certificates; listing criteria for each certificate; requiring criminal background check for all teaching certificates; specifying certain contract requirements for mentor and lead teachers; mandating additional contract days and annual salary supplements; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified to teach by

1 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher
2 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101
3 of this title and by other law.

4 B. 1. The Board shall issue ~~a~~ an initial teaching certificate
5 to ~~teach to~~ any person who:

6 ~~1. Has~~

7 a. has successfully completed the teacher education
8 program required by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Commission for
9 ~~Teacher Preparation;~~ Educational Quality and
10 Accountability,

11 ~~2. Has~~

12 b. has graduated from an accredited institution of higher
13 education that has approval or accreditation for
14 teacher education~~;~~ ;

15 ~~3. Has~~

16 c. has met all other requirements as may be established
17 by the Board~~;~~ ;

18 ~~4. Has~~

19 d. has made the necessary application and paid the
20 competency examination fee in an amount and as
21 prescribed by the Commission~~;~~ ;

22 ~~5. Has~~

23 e. has successfully completed the competency examination
24 required in Section 6-187 of this title~~;~~ ; and

1 ~~6. Beginning~~

2 f. beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board
3 a current Oklahoma criminal history record from the
4 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well as a
5 national criminal history record check as defined in
6 Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
7 Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record,
8 the Board may issue a temporary certificate which
9 shall be effective until receipt of the national
10 fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
11 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for
12 the cost of the criminal history records.

13 2. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate to any
14 person who:

- 15 a. has successfully completed the program as provided in
16 Section 6-195 of this title,
17 b. has been awarded career teacher status as defined in
18 Section 6-101.3 of this title,
19 c. has demonstrated the competencies of a career teacher
20 as determined under the comprehensive evaluation of
21 the initial teacher pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of
22 this title,
23 d. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the
24 Board, and

1 e. participates in meaningful individualized programs of
2 professional development, as provided in Section 6-
3 101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous
4 improvement in teaching.

5 3. The Board shall issue a mentor teaching certificate to any
6 person who:

7 a. has successfully completed requirements listed in
8 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection,

9 b. has a valid certificate to teach issued by the Board,

10 c. has a minimum of five (5) years of experience as a
11 classroom teacher,

12 d. participates in meaningful individualized programs of
13 professional development as provided in Section 6-
14 101.10 of this title,

15 e. demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching and
16 possesses the skills and qualifications to assume
17 leadership roles,

18 f. has earned a "highly effective" or "superior" rating
19 pursuant to subsection C of Section 6-101.16 of this
20 title, and

21 g. may have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five
22 percent (75%) student instruction to allow the teacher
23 to mentor other teachers.

1 4. The Board shall issue a lead teaching certificate to any
2 person who:

3 a. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the
4 Board,

5 b. has a minimum of seven (7) years of experience as a
6 classroom teacher,

7 c. has met requirements listed in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3
8 of this subsection,

9 d. has earned a "superior" or "highly effective" rating
10 pursuant to subsection C of Section 6-101.16 of this
11 title and holds an active National Board Certification
12 from the National Board for Professional Teaching
13 Standards, and

14 e. assumes leadership roles that may include but are not
15 limited to:

16 (1) the planning and delivery of professional
17 development activities designed to improve
18 instructional strategies,

19 (2) the facilitation of an instructional leadership
20 team within the building, school district or
21 other school districts, and

22 (3) the mentoring of other teachers and participation
23 in the evaluation of student teachers.
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1 A lead teacher may have a teaching load of not more than fifty
2 percent (50%) student instruction to allow the lead teacher to spend
3 time on co-teaching, co-planning, peer reviews, observing career
4 teachers, model teachers and mentor teachers and other duties
5 mutually agreed upon by the superintendent and the lead teacher.
6 The duties of a lead teacher may satisfy the qualitative evaluation
7 component for teachers as required by Section 6-101.16 of this title
8 by performing the duties listed in this paragraph.

9 C. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to teach~~
10 to any person who:

11 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements
12 set forth in subsection F of this section;

13 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
14 Teaching Standards;

15 3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the
16 requirements set forth in subsection F of this section; or

17 4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in
18 the majority of other states or comparable customized exam and meets
19 the requirements set forth in subsection G of this section.

20 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~ any
21 Oklahoma teaching certification shall have on file with the Board a
22 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State
23 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history
24 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma

1 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the
2 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective
3 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history
4 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible
5 for the cost of the criminal history records.

6 E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to
7 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the
8 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional
9 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher
10 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

11 F. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~
12 ~~teach~~ to a person who holds a valid out-of-state certificate or to a
13 person who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and meets any
14 requirements established by the Board. The certificate to teach
15 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most closely
16 aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-
17 of-state or out-of-country certificate.

18 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
19 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations
20 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the
21 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state or
22 out-of-country certificate.

23 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
24 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma

1 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
2 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
3 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
4 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
5 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
6 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
7 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
8 cost of the criminal history record checks.

9 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by
10 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for
11 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this
12 subsection.

13 G. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~
14 ~~teach~~ to a person who has successfully completed a competency exam
15 used in a majority of the other states. The certificate to teach
16 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels that
17 correspond with a certification area used in Oklahoma.

18 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
19 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
20 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
21 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
22 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
23 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
24 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt

1 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
2 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
3 cost of the criminal history record checks.

4 H. The terms of the contracts issued to mentor and lead
5 teaching certificate candidates shall include the following:

6 1. Mentor - an additional ten (10) days to be used to
7 strengthen instructional leadership. A mentor teacher may receive
8 an annual salary supplement of at least Three Thousand Dollars
9 (\$3,000.00) in addition to the minimum salary schedule listed in
10 Section 18-114.14 of this title; and

11 2. Lead - an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to
12 strengthen instructional leadership. A lead teacher may receive an
13 annual salary supplement of at least Five Thousand Dollars
14 (\$5,000.00) in addition to the minimum salary schedule listed in
15 Section 18-114.14 of this title.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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