

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2888

By: Taylor of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
7 Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter  
8 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-190),  
9 which relates to teacher certification; providing  
10 procedure for mentor or lead teaching certificates;  
11 modifying types of certificates issued by the State  
12 Board of Education; establishing initial, career,  
13 mentor and lead teaching certificates; listing  
14 criteria for each certificate; authorizing persons  
15 who have alternative teaching certificates to apply  
16 for initial teaching certificates; requiring criminal  
17 background check for all teaching certificates;  
18 specifying certain contract requirements for mentor  
19 and lead teachers; authorizing additional contract  
20 days and annual salary supplements; and providing an  
21 effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as  
24 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  
the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher

1 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101  
2 of this title and by other law.

3 B. 1. Any person who is eligible for a mentor or lead teaching  
4 certificate described in this section shall make application with  
5 the board of education. The board of education and superintendent  
6 shall review applications to determine if the teaching certificate  
7 candidate meets the criteria for the certificate level requested.  
8 In reviewing an application, the board of education shall consider  
9 the ability of the school district to fulfill the conditions  
10 described in subsection I of this section before making a  
11 recommendation to the State Board of Education.

12 2. The board of education and superintendent shall provide a  
13 recommendation to the State Board of Education within sixty (60)  
14 days of receipt of the application.

15 3. The Board shall develop an application and make it available  
16 to school districts.

17 C. 1. The Board shall issue a an initial teaching certificate  
18 to teach to any person who:

19 1. Has

20 a. has successfully completed the teacher education  
21 program required by the Oklahoma Commission for  
22 Teacher Preparation; Educational Quality and  
23 Accountability,

24 2. Has



1 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for  
2 the cost of the criminal history records.

3 A person who has applied for and been granted an alternative  
4 placement teaching certificate provided in Section 6-122.3 of this  
5 title may also apply for an initial teaching certificate.

6 2. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate to any  
7 person who:

- 8 a. has successfully completed the program as provided in  
9 Section 6-195 of this title,
- 10 b. has been awarded career teacher status as defined in  
11 Section 6-101.3 of this title,
- 12 c. has demonstrated the competencies of a career teacher  
13 as determined under the comprehensive evaluation of  
14 the initial teacher pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of  
15 this title,
- 16 d. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the  
17 Board, and
- 18 e. participates in meaningful individualized programs of  
19 professional development, as provided in Section 6-  
20 101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous  
21 improvement in teaching.

22 3. The Board shall issue a mentor teaching certificate to any  
23 person who:

- 1           a. has successfully completed requirements listed in  
2           paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection,
- 3           b. has a valid certificate to teach issued by the Board,
- 4           c. has a minimum of five (5) years of experience as a  
5           classroom teacher,
- 6           d. participates in meaningful individualized programs of  
7           professional development as provided in Section 6-  
8           101.10 of this title,
- 9           e. demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching and  
10           possesses the skills and qualifications to assume  
11           leadership roles,
- 12           f. has earned a "highly effective" or "superior" rating  
13           pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this title, and
- 14           g. may have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five  
15           percent (75%) student instruction to allow the teacher  
16           to mentor other teachers.

17           4. The Board shall issue a lead teaching certificate to any

18           person who:

- 19           a. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the  
20           Board,
- 21           b. has a minimum of seven (7) years of experience as a  
22           classroom teacher,
- 23           c. has met requirements listed in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3  
24           of this subsection,

1           d. has earned:

2           (1) a "superior" rating pursuant to Section 6-101.16  
3           of this title, or

4           (2) a "highly effective" rating pursuant to Section  
5           6-101.16 of this title and has a National Board  
6           Certification from the National Board for  
7           Professional Teaching Standards, and

8           e. assumes leadership roles that may include but are not  
9           limited to:

10          (1) the planning and delivery of professional  
11          development activities designed to improve  
12          instructional strategies,

13          (2) the facilitation of an instructional leadership  
14          team within the building, school district or  
15          other school districts, and

16          (3) the mentoring of other teachers and participation  
17          in the evaluation of initial teachers.

18          A lead teacher may have a teaching load of not more than fifty  
19          percent (50%) student instruction to allow the lead teacher to spend  
20          time on co-teaching, co-planning, peer reviews, observing career  
21          teachers, model teachers and mentor teachers and other duties  
22          mutually agreed upon by the superintendent and the lead teacher.

23          The duties of a lead teacher may satisfy the qualitative evaluation  
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1 component for teachers as required by Section 6-101.16 of this title  
2 by performing the duties listed in this paragraph.

3 ~~C.~~ D. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~  
4 ~~teach~~ to any person who:

5 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements  
6 set forth in subsection ~~F~~ G of this section;

7 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional  
8 Teaching Standards;

9 3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the  
10 requirements set forth in subsection ~~F~~ G of this section; or

11 4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in  
12 the majority of other states or comparable customized exam and meets  
13 the requirements set forth in subsection ~~G~~ H of this section.

14 ~~D.~~ E. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~  
15 any Oklahoma teaching certification shall have on file with the  
16 Board a current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma  
17 State Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history  
18 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
19 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the  
20 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective  
21 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history  
22 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible  
23 for the cost of the criminal history records.

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1       ~~E.~~ F. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to  
2 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the  
3 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional  
4 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher  
5 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

6       ~~F.~~ G. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate  
7 ~~to teach~~ to a person who holds a valid out-of-state certificate or  
8 to a person who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and ~~meets~~  
9 ~~any requirements established by the Board~~ has served as a classroom  
10 teacher for three (3) or more years. The Board may establish  
11 additional requirements for this certificate as necessary. The  
12 certificate to teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade  
13 levels most closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels  
14 recognized on the out-of-state or out-of-country certificate.

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

20       3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
21 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma  
22 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
23 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
24 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon

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

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

10 ~~G. H.~~ 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate  
11 ~~to teach~~ to a person who has successfully completed a competency  
12 exam used in a majority of the other states and has served as a  
13 classroom teacher for three (3) or more years. The certificate to  
14 teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels that  
15 correspond with a certification area used in Oklahoma.

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

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1 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
2 cost of the criminal history record checks.

3 I. The terms of the contracts issued to mentor and lead  
4 teaching certificate candidates may include the following:

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

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

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

16 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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