

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2888

By: Taylor of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

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11                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

24 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:

1 Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school  
2 district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in  
3 Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified to teach by  
4 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher  
5 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101  
6 of this title and by other law.

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

9 ~~1. Has~~

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

14 ~~2. Has~~

15 b. has graduated from an accredited institution of higher  
16 education that has approval or accreditation for  
17 teacher education~~;~~ ;

18 ~~3. Has~~

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

21 ~~4. Has~~

22 d. has made the necessary application and paid the  
23 competency examination fee in an amount and as  
24 prescribed by the Commission~~;~~ ;

1     ~~5. Has~~

2             e.   has successfully completed the competency examination  
3                     required in Section 6-187 of this title~~7~~, and

4     ~~6. Beginning~~

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

16     2. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate to any  
17 person who:

18             a.   has successfully completed the program as provided in  
19                     Section 6-195 of this title,

20             b.   has been awarded career teacher status as defined in  
21                     Section 6-101.3 of this title,

22             c.   has demonstrated the competencies of a career teacher  
23                     as determined under the comprehensive evaluation of  
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1           the initial teacher pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of  
2           this title,

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

5           e. participates in meaningful individualized programs of  
6           professional development, as provided in Section 6-  
7           101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous  
8           improvement in teaching.

9           3. The Board shall issue a mentor teaching certificate to any  
10          person who:

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

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

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

16           d. participates in meaningful individualized programs of  
17           professional development as provided in Section 6-  
18           101.10 of this title,

19           e. demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching and  
20           possesses the skills and qualifications to assume  
21           leadership roles,

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

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

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

6        a.    holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the  
7        Board,

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

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

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

17       e.    assumes leadership roles that may include but are not  
18       limited to:

19       (1)   the planning and delivery of professional  
20       development activities designed to improve  
21       instructional strategies,

22       (2)   the facilitation of an instructional leadership  
23       team within the building, school district or  
24       other school districts, and

1                   (3) the mentoring of other teachers and participation  
2                   in the evaluation of student teachers.

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

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

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

15           2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional  
16 Teaching Standards;

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

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

22           D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~ any  
23 Oklahoma teaching certification shall have on file with the Board a  
24 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State

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

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

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

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

1        3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
2 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma  
3 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
4 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
5 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
6 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may  
7 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt  
8 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.  
9 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
10 cost of the criminal history record checks.

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

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

20        2. 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 H. The terms of the contracts issued to mentor and lead  
7 teaching certificate candidates shall include the following:

8 1. Mentor - an additional ten (10) days to be used to  
9 strengthen instructional leadership. A mentor teacher may receive  
10 an annual salary supplement of at least Three Thousand Dollars  
11 (\$3,000.00) in addition to the minimum salary schedule listed in  
12 Section 18-114.14 of this title; and

13 2. Lead - an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to  
14 strengthen instructional leadership. A lead teacher may receive an  
15 annual salary supplement of at least Five Thousand Dollars  
16 (\$5,000.00) in addition to the minimum salary schedule listed in  
17 Section 18-114.14 of this title.

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

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/26/2018 - DO PASS,  
21 As Amended and Coauthored.