

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE BILL 3220

 By: Nollan of the House

5 and

6 Smalley of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
11 Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 14, Chapter
12 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-189),
13 which relates to teacher certification; authorizing
14 State Board of Career and Technology Education to
15 develop certification system for teachers and
16 instructors who teach in technology center school
17 districts; requiring system to be competency-based;
18 permitting revocation of certificate for cause after
19 hearing; requiring Board to promulgate certain rules;
20 providing for noncodification; providing an effective
21 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as
24 last amended by Section 14, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
25 2017, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

26 Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the
27 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher
28 preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for

1 certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in
2 Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of
3 Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by
4 January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and
5 implemented the certification system as required in this act. No
6 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
7 State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the
8 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
9 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
10 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
11 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
12 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

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

- 16 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;
- 17 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
18 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
19 on curriculum, 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

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 shall be subject to the program
11 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

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

22 F. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
23 develop a certification system and a system for emergency
24 certification for teachers and instructors in the technology center

1 school districts. The teacher preparation system shall be
2 competency-based. The competencies for certification shall be
3 integrated with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this
4 title, as well as reflect industry-based skills, standards and
5 certifications. No higher education courses or credit hours may be
6 specified by the Board in rules for certification. Nothing in the
7 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
8 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
9 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
10 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
11 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

12 G. Certificates issued by the State Board of Education may be
13 revoked by the State Board of Education for willful violation of any
14 rule of the Board or of any federal or state law or other proper
15 cause but only after sufficient hearing has been given before the
16 Board.

17 H. Certificates issued by the State Board of Career and
18 Technology Education may be revoked by the State Board of Career and
19 Technology Education for willful violation of any rule or of any
20 federal or state law or other proper cause but only after sufficient
21 hearing has been given before the Board.

22 ~~G.~~ I. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be
23 used for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.
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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
2 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

3 The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
4 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

6 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health or 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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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER TECH,
12 dated 02/28/2018 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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