

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 980

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

Baker of the House

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9 **[teachers - qualifications for teacher employment**
10 **and certification - effective date]**

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as
14 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.
15 2017, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 ~~1. Has~~

2 a. has successfully completed the teacher education
3 program required by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Commission for
4 ~~Teacher Preparation~~; Educational Quality and
5 Accountability,

6 ~~2. Has~~

7 b. has graduated from an accredited institution of higher
8 education that has approval or accreditation for
9 teacher education~~†~~†

10 ~~3. Has~~

11 c. has met all other requirements as may be established
12 by the Board~~†~~†

13 ~~4. Has~~

14 d. has made the necessary application and paid the
15 competency examination fee in an amount and as
16 prescribed by the Commission~~†~~†

17 ~~5. Has~~

18 e. has successfully completed the competency examination
19 required in Section 6-187 of this title~~†~~† and

20 ~~6. Beginning~~

21 f. beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board
22 a current Oklahoma criminal history record from the
23 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well as a
24 national criminal history record check as defined in

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

8 2. For the purposes of this section, an alternative placement
9 teaching certificate issued pursuant to Section 6-122.3 of this
10 title and an emergency teaching certificate issued pursuant to
11 Section 6-187 of this title shall be considered an initial teaching
12 certificate.

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

15 a. has successfully completed the program as prescribed
16 in Section 6-195 of this title,

17 b. has been awarded career teacher status in accordance
18 with the requirements of Section 6-101.3 of this
19 title,

20 c. has demonstrated the competencies of a career teacher
21 as determined under the comprehensive evaluation of
22 the initial teacher pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of
23 this title,
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- 1 d. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the
2 Board, and
- 3 e. participates in a meaningful individualized program of
4 professional development, as provided for in Section
5 6-101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous
6 improvement in teaching.

7 4. The Board shall issue a mentor teaching certificate to any
8 person who:

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

1 5. 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 under paragraphs 1, 3 and
8 4 of this subsection,

9 d. (1) has earned a "superior" rating pursuant to Section
10 6-101.16 of this title, or

11 (2) has earned a "highly effective" rating pursuant to
12 Section 6-101.16 of this title and has a National
13 Board certification from the National Board for
14 Professional Teaching Standards, and

15 e. shall assume leadership roles that may include but are
16 not limited to:

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

20 (2) the facilitation of an instructional leadership
21 team within the building, school district or
22 other school districts in which the lead teacher
23 is assigned, and

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

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

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

19 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
20 Teaching Standards;

21 3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the
22 requirements set forth in subsection F of this section; or
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1 4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in
2 the majority of other states or comparable customized exam and meets
3 the requirements set forth in subsection G of this section.

4 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~ any
5 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current
6 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
7 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
8 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
9 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue
10 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of
11 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
12 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the
13 criminal history records.

14 E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to
15 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the
16 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional
17 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher
18 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

19 F. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~
20 ~~teach~~ to a person who holds a valid out-of-state certificate or to a
21 person who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and ~~meets any~~
22 ~~requirements established by the Board~~ has served as a classroom
23 teacher for three (3) or more years. The Board may establish
24 additional requirements for the certificate as necessary. The

1 certificate to teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade
2 levels most closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels
3 recognized on the out-of-state or out-of-country certificate.

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

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

19 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by
20 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for
21 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this
22 subsection.

23 G. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~
24 ~~teach~~ to a person who has successfully completed a competency exam

1 used in a majority of the other states and has served as a classroom
2 teacher for three (3) or more years. The certificate to teach shall
3 only be for those subject areas and grade levels that correspond
4 with a certification area used in Oklahoma.

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

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

17 1. Mentor: an additional ten (10) days to be used to strengthen
18 instructional leadership. A mentor teacher shall receive an annual
19 salary supplement of at least Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in
20 addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies pursuant to
21 Section 18-114.14 of this title.

22 2. Lead: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to
23 strengthen leadership. A lead teacher shall receive an annual
24 salary supplement of at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in

1 addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies pursuant to
2 Section 18-114.14 of this title.

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

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

17 3. The State Board of Education shall develop an application to
18 implement the provisions of this subsection and make it available to
19 school districts.

20 J. The State Department of Education shall make teaching
21 certificates provided for in this section available to all eligible
22 certified teachers beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

23 K. For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, the Department
24 shall identify school districts to implement the teacher

1 certificates provided for in this section on a pilot program basis
2 with the assistance of public-private partnerships, funding from
3 philanthropic organizations or federal grants.

4 L. The Department shall seek funding necessary for
5 implementation of the salary supplements required by subsection H of
6 this section.

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/16/2018
10 - DO PASS, As Amended.