

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 980

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-190),
9 which relates to qualifications for teacher
employment and certification; modifying reference to
10 a certificate to teach; directing the State Board of
Education to issue a career teaching certificate to
11 individuals who meet certain criteria; directing the
Board to issue a lead teaching certificate to
12 individuals who meet certain criteria; directing the
Board to issue a mentor teaching certificate to
13 individuals who meet certain criteria; updating
references to certain types of teaching certificates;
14 requiring contracts for mentor and leading teaching
certificate candidates to include certain items;
15 providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as
20 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.
21 2017, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school
23 district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in
24 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 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,

- d. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the Board, and
- e. participates in a meaningful individualized program of professional development, as provided for in Section 6-101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching.

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

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

9 d. has earned a "superior" rating pursuant to Section 6-
10 101.16 of this title or has earned a "highly
11 effective" rating pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this
12 title and holds an active National Board
13 certification,

14 e. shall assume leadership roles that may include but are
15 not 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 in which the lead teacher
22 is assigned, and

23 (3) the mentoring of other teachers and participation
24 in the evaluation of student teachers,

1 f. (1) may have a teaching load of not more than fifty
2 percent (50%) student instruction to allow the lead
3 teacher to spend time on co-teaching,

4 (2) co-planning,

5 (3) peer reviews,

6 (4) observing career teachers, model teachers and
7 mentor teachers, and

8 (5) other duties mutually agreed upon by the
9 superintendent and the lead teacher, and

10 g. may satisfy the qualitative evaluation component for
11 teachers as required by Section 6-101.16 of this title
12 by performing the duties set forth in this paragraph.

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

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

17 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
18 Teaching Standards;

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

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

1 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~ any
2 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current
3 Oklahoma criminal history record 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, the Board may issue
7 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of
8 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
9 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the
10 criminal history records.

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

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

23 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
24 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations

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

4 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
5 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
6 criminal history record check 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 check, the Board may
10 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
11 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
12 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
13 cost of the criminal history record checks.

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

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

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

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

16 2. Lead: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to
17 strengthen leadership. A lead teacher shall receive an annual
18 salary supplement of at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in
19 addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies pursuant to
20 Section 18-114.14 of this title.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

22 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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