

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as
17 last amended by Section 14, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
18 2017, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the
20 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher
21 preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for
22 certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in
23 Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of
24 Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by

January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented the certification system as required in this act. No higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average, or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

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

1. Completion of a standard master's degree;
2. Completion of a program in education administration approved by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis on curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills;
3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education;
4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this title; and
5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the United States.

1 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of
2 schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this
3 section shall include not less than:

4 1. Certification as a school principal or completion of the
5 certification requirements for a school principal as set forth in
6 subsection B of this section;

7 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
8 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
9 on district-level leadership skills, and which shall include the
10 following competencies:

- 11 a. instructional leadership,
- 12 b. organizational leadership, including education
13 finance, education law, and risk management,
- 14 c. collaborative and community leadership, and
- 15 d. ethical leadership, or

16 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person
17 who has completed an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation
18 approved Master's Degree in Education Administration or has
19 completed a program in education administration that included
20 competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this
21 paragraph, and if the degree or program was completed between the
22 effective date of this act and July 1, 2005;

23 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
24 fixed by the State Board of Education;

1 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
2 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

3 5. A minimum of two (2) years of administrative experience in
4 public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education
5 or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the
6 United States.

7 D. 1. The standards for alternative certification for
8 superintendents of schools and principals shall include:

- 9 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 10 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a
11 supervisory or administrative capacity,
- 12 c. a passing score on the subject area competency
13 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,
14 and
- 15 d. filing with the director of teacher education at an
16 Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a
17 plan for completing an alternative administrative
18 preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant
19 work experience and coursework may be considered and
20 applied to complete the plan.

21 2. An alternative certificate for superintendent of schools and
22 principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be
23 renewable.

1 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
2 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education
3 shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal,
4 as applicable, to the applicant.

5 4. Any person participating in an alternative certification
6 program for superintendent of schools and principals on the
7 effective date of this act shall be subject to the program
8 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

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

19 F. The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
20 develop a certification system and a system for emergency
21 certification for teachers and instructors in the technology center
22 school districts. The teacher preparation system shall be
23 competency-based. The competencies for certification shall be
24 integrated with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this

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

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

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

19 ~~G.~~ I. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be
20 used for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
22 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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

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

2 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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