

# *Oklahoma State Senate*

## *Bill Summary and Fiscal Impact*

**Agency:** Department of Education

**Bill Number:** SB 980

**Senate Author:** Griffin

**House Author:**

**FY '19 Impact:** Unknown at this time

**Full Year Impact:** Unknown at this time

**Bill Summary and Comments:** This bill requires the State Board of Education to implement a new system of tiered teaching certificates: initial, career, mentor and lead. It sets requirements for each level and provides for reduced teaching time and stipends to be paid once an individual reaches a given certificate level. Requires the State Department of Education to implement tiered certificates on a pilot program basis and seek necessary funding.

Per SDE: In order to implement the provisions of this bill, the OSDE expects to make upgrades to systems across the agency. Oklahoma's current teacher certification system only has the functionality to provide one, standard teacher certification. Systems expected to be impacted are as follows: Oklahoma Education Credentialing System

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