

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2625

By: Echols of the House

and

6 David of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 [ schools - certification of principals and  
11 superintendents - effective date -  
emergency ]

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as  
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp.  
17 2018, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the  
19 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher  
20 preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for  
21 certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in  
22 Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of  
23 Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by  
24 January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and

1 implemented the certification system as required in this act. No  
2 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the  
3 State Board of Education 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 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not  
10 alternatively certified under subsection D of this section shall  
11 include not less than:

12 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;

13 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved  
14 by the ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ State Department  
15 of Education with an emphasis on curriculum, instruction and  
16 building-level leadership skills;

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

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

21 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience  
22 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of  
23 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of  
24 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~~ State Department  
9 of Education with an emphasis on district-level leadership skills,  
10 and which shall include the 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 a~~  
18 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability approved  
19 ~~Master's Degree in Education Administration~~ master's degree in  
20 education administration or has completed a program in education  
21 administration that included competencies that are substantially  
22 equal to those listed in this paragraph, and if the degree or  
23 program was completed between the effective date of this act and  
24 July 1, 2005;

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

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

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

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

- 11           a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 12           b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a  
13                supervisory or administrative capacity,
- 14           c. a passing score on the subject area competency  
15                examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,  
16                and
- 17           d. filing with the director of teacher education at an  
18                Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a  
19                plan for completing an alternative administrative  
20                preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant  
21                work experience and coursework may be considered and  
22                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 Education and the State Board of Career  
23 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules for a certification  
24 system option specifically for teachers and instructors in the

1 technology center school districts. The teacher preparation system  
2 shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall  
3 be integrated with competencies of this title, as well as reflect  
4 industry-based skills, standards and certifications.

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

10 H. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be used  
11 for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

12 I. Nothing in this section shall restrict the right of the  
13 State Board of Education to issue an emergency or provisional  
14 certificate to a school principal or superintendent of schools for  
15 any district.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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