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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2625

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6-189), which relates to certification of principals and superintendents; updating commission name; removing examination requirement for superintendent certification; eliminating examination requirement for alternative certification; deleting time limit for alternative certificate; allowing renewal for alternative certificate; modifying applicability of program requirements; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
16 by the ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ Commission for
17 Educational Quality and Accountability with an emphasis on
18 curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills;

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

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

23 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience
24 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of

1 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of
2 the United States.

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

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

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

- 14 a. instructional leadership,
- 15 b. organizational leadership, including education
- 16 finance, education law, and risk management,
- 17 c. collaborative and community leadership, and
- 18 d. ethical leadership, ~~or.~~

19 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person
20 who has completed ~~an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation a~~
21 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability approved
22 ~~Master's Degree in Education Administration~~ master's degree in
23 education administration or has completed a program in education
24 administration that included competencies that are substantially

1 equal to those listed in this paragraph, and if the degree or
2 program was completed between the effective date of this act and
3 July 1, 2005;

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

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

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

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

14 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
15 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a
16 supervisory or administrative capacity, and

17 c. ~~a passing score on the subject area competency~~
18 ~~examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,~~
19 ~~and~~

20 ~~d.~~ filing with the director of teacher education at an
21 Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a
22 plan for completing an alternative administrative
23 preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant
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1 work experience and coursework may be considered and
2 applied to complete the plan.

3 ~~2. An alternative certificate for superintendent of schools and~~
4 ~~principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be~~
5 ~~renewable.~~

6 ~~3.~~ Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
7 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education
8 shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal,
9 as applicable, to the applicant.

10 ~~4. Any person participating in an alternative certification~~
11 ~~program for superintendent of schools and principals on the~~
12 ~~effective date of this act shall be subject to the program~~
13 ~~requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.~~

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

1 F. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career
2 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules for a certification
3 system option specifically for teachers and instructors in the
4 technology center school districts. The teacher preparation system
5 shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall
6 be integrated with competencies of this title, as well as reflect
7 industry-based skills, standards and certifications.

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

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

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

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