

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1168

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Hasenbeck of the House

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7 An Act relating to teachers; directing the State
8 Department of Education in certain coordination to
9 establish a microcredential program for certain
10 subject areas; directing the creation of certain
11 working group to determine how certain
12 microcredential may be used; allowing courses offered
13 as part of certain program to be provided in person,
14 online or in certain blended format; providing for
15 codification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-212 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The State Department of Education in coordination with the
22 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall
23 establish a microcredential program for the purpose of permitting
24 any teacher candidate or teacher who holds a certificate to teach to
complete additional coursework and earn microcredentials in science,
technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) endorsement areas
including computer science.

1 B. The State Department of Education and the Commission for
2 Educational Quality and Accountability shall convene a working group
3 including pertinent education stakeholders to determine how any
4 microcredential awarded pursuant to any microcredential program
5 established pursuant to subsection A of this section will be used:

6 1. To award add-on endorsements to teachers in STEM endorsement
7 areas including computer science;

8 2. In lieu of the subject area competency examination required
9 by Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

10 3. To meet the professional development requirements
11 established in Section 6-194 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 C. Any course offered through a microcredential program
13 established pursuant to subsection A of this section may be offered
14 in person, online or in a blended format of in-person and online
15 instruction.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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.

