

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3142

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10 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
11 Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
12 287, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-189),
13 which relates to licensure and certification;
14 modifying certification requirements for school
15 principals; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as
18 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp.
19 2019, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the
21 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher
22 preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for
23 certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in
24 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 with an emphasis
17 on curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills.
18 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who
19 has completed a master's degree program in education that included
20 competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this
21 paragraph and if the degree was completed prior to July 1, 2005;

22 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
23 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 successful teaching experience
4 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of
5 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of
6 the United States.

7 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of
8 schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this
9 section shall include not less than:

10 1. Certification as a school principal or completion of the
11 certification requirements for a school principal as set forth in
12 subsection B of this section;

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

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

22 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person
23 who has completed an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation
24 approved Master's Degree in Education Administration or has

1 completed a program in education ~~administration~~ that included
2 competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this
3 paragraph, and if the degree or program was completed between the
4 effective date of this act and July 1, 2005;

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

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

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

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

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

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 November 1, 2020.

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/11/2020
18 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.