

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE BILL 3434

 By: Baker

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to schools; creating an early
9 childhood or elementary education alternative teacher
10 certification; requiring candidate hold certain
11 degree; requiring certain training and education
12 hours within certain period; providing for
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.10 of Title 70, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the State Board
19 of Education shall issue a one-year alternative teacher certificate,
20 renewable for up to three (3) years, to teach early childhood
21 education or elementary education to any qualified candidate who:

- 22 1. a. Has successfully completed a terminal degree, such as
23 a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education,
24 professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree

1 or a master of library science degree, from an
2 institution accredited by a national or regional
3 accrediting agency which is recognized by the
4 Secretary of the United States Department of
5 Education. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
6 Education shall be consulted to verify other terminal
7 degrees, or

- 8 b. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an
9 institution whose accreditation is recognized by the
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has
11 two (2) years post-degree-completion qualified work
12 experience in a field that corresponds to early
13 childhood education or elementary education; and

14 2. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by
15 means of the early childhood and elementary education alternative
16 certification program in not more than three (3) years and has:

- 17 a. within the first year satisfactorily completed six (6)
18 credit hours in classroom management and reading
19 instruction from an educator preparation program
20 approved and accredited by the Commission for
21 Educational Quality and Accountability, completed the
22 required State Department of Education approved
23 training on cognitive science of how students learn to
24 read and participated in a yearlong mentorship or

1 instructional coaching in reading and classroom
2 management provided by the employing school district
3 prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate
4 for a second year,

- 5 b. within the second year satisfactorily completed six
6 (6) credit hours in child development and math
7 instruction from an educator preparation program
8 approved and accredited by the Commission for
9 Educational Quality and Accountability, participated
10 in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or
11 instructional coaching in child development and math
12 instruction provided by the employing school district
13 prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate
14 for a third year, and successfully completed the
15 general education and subject area portions of the
16 competency examination required in Section 6-187 of
17 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of
18 specialization for which certification is sought, and

- 19 c. within the third year satisfactorily completed six (6)
20 additional credit hours of professional education
21 coursework from an educator preparation program
22 approved and accredited by the Commission for
23 Educational Quality and Accountability, participated
24 in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or

1 instructional coaching provided by the employing
2 school district, and successfully passed the
3 professional knowledge portions of the competency
4 examination required in Section 6-187 of Title 70 of
5 the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of specialization
6 for which certification is sought.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/18/2020
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