

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1126

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to teacher compensation; amending Section 3, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 10, 2nd Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 18-114.14), which relates to the minimum salary schedule; requiring a teacher with certain out-of-state or out-of-country teaching experience to be given credit for all years for the purposes of salary increments beginning with certain school year; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 10, 2nd Extraordinary Session, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 18-114.14), is amended to read as follows:

Section 18-114.14. A. Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, certified personnel, as defined in Section 26-103 of this title, in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary and/or fringe benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following schedule:

MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

1			National		
2	Years of	Bachelor's	Board	Master's	Doctor's
3	Experience	Degree	Certification	Degree	Degree
4	0	\$36,601	\$37,759	\$37,991	\$39,381
5	1	\$37,035	\$38,193	\$38,425	\$39,815
6	2	\$37,469	\$38,628	\$38,859	\$40,249
7	3	\$37,904	\$39,062	\$39,294	\$40,684
8	4	\$38,338	\$39,496	\$39,728	\$41,118
9	5	\$38,810	\$39,968	\$40,200	\$41,590
10	6	\$39,273	\$40,432	\$40,663	\$42,054
11	7	\$39,737	\$40,895	\$41,127	\$42,517
12	8	\$40,200	\$41,358	\$41,590	\$42,980
13	9	\$40,663	\$41,822	\$42,054	\$43,444
14	10	\$41,684	\$42,844	\$43,568	\$45,945
15	11	\$42,177	\$43,336	\$44,061	\$46,438
16	12	\$42,670	\$43,829	\$44,554	\$46,931
17	13	\$43,162	\$44,322	\$45,047	\$47,424
18	14	\$43,655	\$44,815	\$45,539	\$47,916
19	15	\$44,167	\$45,327	\$46,052	\$48,430
20	16	\$44,660	\$45,820	\$46,545	\$48,923
21	17	\$45,153	\$46,313	\$47,038	\$49,416
22	18	\$45,646	\$46,806	\$47,531	\$49,909
23	19	\$46,139	\$47,299	\$48,024	\$50,402
24	20	\$46,652	\$47,813	\$48,538	\$50,917

1	21	\$47,145	\$48,306	\$49,031	\$51,410
2	22	\$47,639	\$48,799	\$49,524	\$51,903
3	23	\$48,132	\$49,292	\$50,018	\$52,397
4	24	\$48,625	\$49,785	\$50,511	\$52,890
5	25	\$50,049	\$51,232	\$51,971	\$54,395
6	Master's Degree +				
7	Years of Experience	National Board			
8		Certification			
9	0	\$39,149			
10	1	\$39,583			
11	2	\$40,018			
12	3	\$40,452			
13	4	\$40,886			
14	5	\$41,358			
15	6	\$41,822			
16	7	\$42,285			
17	8	\$42,749			
18	9	\$43,212			
19	10	\$44,728			
20	11	\$45,221			
21	12	\$45,713			
22	13	\$46,206			
23	14	\$46,699			
24	15	\$47,212			

1	16	\$47,705
2	17	\$48,198
3	18	\$48,691
4	19	\$49,184
5	20	\$49,698
6	21	\$50,192
7	22	\$50,685
8	23	\$51,178
9	24	\$51,671
10	25	\$53,153

11 B. 1. When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe
12 benefits" shall mean all or part of retirement benefits, excluding
13 the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1
14 of this title and the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to Section
15 26-105 of this title from the flexible benefit allowance funds
16 disbursed by the State Board of Education and the State Board of
17 Career and Technology Education pursuant to Section 26-104 of this
18 title.

19 2. If a school district intends to provide retirement benefits
20 to a teacher such that the teacher's salary would be less than the
21 amounts set forth in the minimum salary schedule specified in
22 subsection A of this section, the district shall be required to
23 provide written notification to the teacher prior to his or her
24 employment or, if already employed by the district, no later than

1 thirty (30) days prior to the date the district elects to provide
2 retirement benefits such that the teacher's salary would be less
3 than the minimum salary schedule.

4 C. Any of the degrees referred to in this section shall be from
5 a college recognized by the State Board of Education. The Board
6 shall accept teaching experience from out-of-state school districts
7 that are accredited by the state board of education or appropriate
8 state accrediting agency for the districts. The Board shall accept
9 teaching experience from out-of-country schools that are accredited
10 or otherwise endorsed by the appropriate national or regional
11 accrediting or endorsement authority. Out-of-country certification
12 documentation in a language other than English shall be analyzed by
13 an educational credential evaluation service in accordance with
14 industry standards and guidelines and approved by the State
15 Department of Education. The person seeking to have credit granted
16 for out-of-country teaching experience shall be responsible for all
17 costs of the analysis by a credential evaluation service. The Board
18 shall accept teaching experience from primary and secondary schools
19 that are operated by the United States Department of Defense or are
20 affiliated with the United States Department of State.

21 D. For the purpose of ~~state salary increments and~~ retirement,
22 no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years of
23 active duty in the military service or out-of-state or out-of-
24 country teaching experience as a certified teacher or its

1 equivalent. ~~Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of~~
2 ~~education from crediting more years of experience on district salary~~
3 ~~schedules than those allowed for state purposes.~~

4 E. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, for the purpose of
5 state salary increments, a teacher shall be granted credit for all
6 years of out-of-state teaching experience as a certified teacher or
7 its equivalent and out-of-country teaching experience as a certified
8 teacher or its equivalent at primary and secondary schools that are
9 operated by the United States Department of Defense or are
10 affiliated with the United States Department of State.

11 F. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes
12 of certification and salary increments, all the years of experience
13 of a:

14 1. Certified teacher who teaches in the educational program of
15 the Department of Corrections, beginning with fiscal year 1981;

16 2. Vocational rehabilitation counselor under the Department of
17 Human Services if the counselor was employed as a certified teacher
18 by the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational
19 Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board of Career and
20 Technology Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma
21 Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968;

22 3. Vocational rehabilitation counselor which were completed
23 while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor
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1 was certified as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a
2 teacher in Oklahoma;

3 4. Certified teacher which were completed while employed by the
4 Department of Human Services Child Study Center at University
5 Hospital, if the teacher was certified as a teacher in Oklahoma; and

6 5. Certified school psychologist or psychometrist which were
7 completed while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological
8 assistant, or psychologist with any agency of the State of Oklahoma
9 if the experience primarily involved work with persons of school- or
10 preschool-age and if the person was, at the time the experience was
11 acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school
12 psychologist or psychometrist.

13 ~~F.~~ G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
14 teachers who have entered into postretirement employment with a
15 public school in Oklahoma and are still receiving a monthly
16 retirement benefit.

17 ~~G.~~ H. If a person employed as certified personnel, as defined
18 in Section 26-103 of this title, by a school district during the
19 2017-2018 school year was receiving a salary above the step level
20 indicated by the State Minimum Salary Schedule for the 2017-2018
21 school year, the person shall receive a salary increase amount equal
22 to the amount indicated in subsection A for the step level indicated
23 for the person, provided they remain employed by the same district,
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1 unless the hours or the duties of the certified personnel are
2 reduced proportionately.

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

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

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