

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2976

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; 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 teacher minimum salary benefits; eliminating certain out-of-state teacher experience cap; and providing an effective date.

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

1 benefits not less than the amounts specified in the following
2 schedule:

3 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

4 National

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

1	18	\$45,646	\$46,806	\$47,531	\$49,909
2	19	\$46,139	\$47,299	\$48,024	\$50,402
3	20	\$46,652	\$47,813	\$48,538	\$50,917
4	21	\$47,145	\$48,306	\$49,031	\$51,410
5	22	\$47,639	\$48,799	\$49,524	\$51,903
6	23	\$48,132	\$49,292	\$50,018	\$52,397
7	24	\$48,625	\$49,785	\$50,511	\$52,890
8	25	\$50,049	\$51,232	\$51,971	\$54,395

9	Master's Degree +				
10	Years of	National Board			
11	Experience	Certification			

12	0	\$39,149
13	1	\$39,583
14	2	\$40,018
15	3	\$40,452
16	4	\$40,886
17	5	\$41,358
18	6	\$41,822
19	7	\$42,285
20	8	\$42,749
21	9	\$43,212
22	10	\$44,728
23	11	\$45,221
24	12	\$45,713

1	13	\$46,206
2	14	\$46,699
3	15	\$47,212
4	16	\$47,705
5	17	\$48,198
6	18	\$48,691
7	19	\$49,184
8	20	\$49,698
9	21	\$50,192
10	22	\$50,685
11	23	\$51,178
12	24	\$51,671
13	25	\$53,153

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

22 2. If a school district intends to provide retirement benefits
23 to a teacher such that the teacher's salary would be less than the
24 amounts set forth in the Minimum Salary Schedule specified in

1 subsection A of this section, the district shall be required to
2 provide written notification to the teacher prior to his or her
3 employment or, if already employed by the district, no later than
4 thirty (30) days prior to the date the district elects to provide
5 retirement benefits such that the teacher's salary would be less
6 than the Minimum Salary Schedule.

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

1 D. For the purpose of ~~state salary increments and~~ retirement,
2 no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years of
3 active duty in the military service or out-of-state or out-of-
4 country teaching experience as a certified teacher or its
5 equivalent. For purposes of state salary increments, teachers with
6 active duty in the military service or out-of-state or out-of-
7 country teaching experience as a certified teacher or its equivalent
8 shall be granted credit for the respective years of experience.

9 Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of education from
10 crediting more years of experience on district salary schedules than
11 those allowed for state purposes.

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

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

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

23 3. Vocational rehabilitation counselor which were completed
24 while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor

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

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

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

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