

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3142

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-189), which relates to licensure and certification; expanding programs required for certain certifications; and providing an effective date.

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

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

Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and implemented the certification system as required in this act. No

1 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
2 State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the
3 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
4 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
5 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
6 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
7 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

8 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not
9 alternatively certified under subsection D of this section shall
10 include not less than:

11 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;

12 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
13 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis
14 on curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills.

15 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who
16 has completed a master's degree program in education that included
17 competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this
18 paragraph and if the degree was completed between July 1, 2005, and
19 November 1, 2020;

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

22 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
23 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and
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1 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience
2 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of
3 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of
4 the United States.

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

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

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

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

20 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person
21 who has completed an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation
22 approved Master's Degree in Education Administration or has
23 completed a program in education ~~administration~~ that included
24 competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this

1 paragraph, and if the degree or program was completed between the
2 effective date of this act and July 1, 2005;

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

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

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

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

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

1 2. An alternative certificate for superintendent of schools and
2 principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be
3 renewable.

4 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
5 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education
6 shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal,
7 as applicable, to the applicant.

8 4. Any person participating in an alternative certification
9 program for superintendent of schools and principals on the
10 effective date of this act shall be subject to the program
11 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

12 E. The certification requirements for a superintendent of a
13 technology center school district shall include not less than a
14 standard master's degree, any other professional education
15 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a
16 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative
17 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,
18 in a technology center school district. A person meeting the
19 requirements set forth in subsection C of this section shall be
20 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center
21 school district.

22 F. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career
23 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules for a certification
24 system option specifically for teachers and instructors in the

1 technology center school districts. The teacher preparation system
2 shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall
3 be integrated with competencies of this title, as well as reflect
4 industry-based skills, standards and certifications.

5 G. Certificates issued by the State Board of Education may be
6 revoked by the State Board of Education for willful violation of any
7 rule of the Board or of any federal or state law or other proper
8 cause but only after sufficient hearing has been given before the
9 Board.

10 H. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be used
11 for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

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

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