

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3434

By: Baker

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1. a. Has successfully completed a terminal degree, such as a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education, professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree or a master of library science degree, from an

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

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

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

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

1 management provided by the employing school district
2 prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate
3 for a second year,

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

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

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

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

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