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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 4390

By: Baker

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An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-204.1, which relates to the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act; adding definitions; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-212, which relates to a micro-credential program for teachers; restricting program eligibility to certified teachers; including certain micro-credential stacks, endorsements, and micro-credentials in program; modifying how awarded micro-credentials may be used; authorizing rule promulgation to implement program; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-204.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-204.1 For purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act:

1. "Salary bonus" means additional monies granted to eligible teachers as provided for in subsection I of Section 6-204.2 of this title maintaining National Board certification;

1 2. "Salary increment" means the National Board certification
2 salary category as set forth in Section ~~3~~ 18-114.14 of this ~~act~~
3 title which is granted to eligible teachers as provided for in
4 subsection I of Section 6-204.2 of this title maintaining National
5 Board certification;

6 3. "Certification" means National Board certification;

7 4. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
8 Preparation;

9 5. "National Board" means the National Board for Professional
10 Teaching Standards;

11 6. "National Board certification" means National Board
12 certification as provided by the National Board for Professional
13 Teaching Standards; ~~and~~

14 7. "Teacher" means a classroom teacher, counselor, or librarian
15 employed by a public school district on a full-time basis;

16 8. "Digital badge" means a web-based artifact that contains
17 metadata which documents a teacher's completion of a specific skill
18 or set of skills and can be shared and verified electronically;

19 9. "Endorsement" means a certification earned by a certified
20 teacher who completes a micro-credential stack which, where
21 applicable, may be used in lieu of the subject area competency
22 examination required by Section 6-187 of this title for subject
23 areas that are substantially equal to the content covered in a
24 stack;

1 10. "Micro-credential" means a postsecondary credential to
2 support teacher instruction comprised of a coherent set of
3 measurable activities or projects that provide specific career
4 critical skills, competencies, and knowledge that can be readily
5 implemented in a school setting. Micro-credentials may be used to
6 meet the professional development program requirements established
7 in Section 6-194 of this title; and

8 11. "Micro-credential stack" or "stack" means a series of
9 micro-credentials that collectively address a broad range of
10 content-area knowledge or skills and which may be completed to earn
11 an endorsement.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-212, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 6-212. A. The State Department of Education ~~in~~
15 ~~coordination with the Commission for Educational Quality and~~
16 ~~Accountability~~ shall establish a micro-credential program ~~within one~~
17 ~~hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act for~~
18 the purpose of permitting any ~~teacher candidate or~~ certified teacher
19 ~~who holds a certificate to teach~~ to complete additional coursework
20 and earn micro-credentials ~~in science, technology, engineering and~~
21 ~~mathematics (STEM) endorsement areas including computer science.~~
22 The micro-credential program shall include, but is not limited to:

23 1. Micro-credential stacks supporting science, technology,
24 engineering, and mathematics (STEM) integration, provided any

1 endorsements earned upon completion shall not substitute for the
2 subject area competency examinations in science, technology,
3 engineering, and mathematics;

4 2. Endorsements for Elementary Computer Science and Secondary
5 Computer Science; and

6 3. A micro-credential for the purpose of permitting any teacher
7 to complete additional coursework to earn a micro-credential in
8 dyslexia.

9 B. The State Department of Education ~~and,~~ in consultation with
10 the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability and the
11 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, ~~shall convene a working~~
12 ~~group including pertinent education stakeholders to determine how if~~
13 ~~any micro-credential awarded pursuant to any micro-credential~~
14 ~~program established pursuant to subsection A of this section will~~
15 may be used and such uses shall include:

16 ~~1. To award add-on endorsements to teachers in STEM endorsement~~
17 ~~areas including computer science;~~

18 ~~2. In~~ in lieu of the subject area competency examination
19 required by Section 6-187 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this
20 title; ~~and~~

21 ~~3. To meet the professional development program requirements~~
22 ~~established in Section 6-194 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

23 C. Any course offered through a micro-credential program
24 established pursuant to subsection A of this section may be offered

1 in person, online or in a blended format of in-person and online
2 instruction.

3 D. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
4 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability and the
5 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, shall promulgate rules
6 as necessary to implement the micro-credential program and ensure
7 that rigor and content adequately prepares teachers to provide
8 quality instruction.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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