

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE BILL 2752

 By: Baker

8 AS INTRODUCED

9 An Act relating to teachers; directing the State
10 Department of Education in certain coordination to
11 establish a micro-credential program for certain
12 subject areas; directing the creation of certain
13 working group to determine how certain micro-
14 credential may be used; allowing courses offered as
15 part of certain program to be provided in person,
16 online or in certain blended format; providing for
17 codification; providing an effective date; and
18 declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-212 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The State Department of Education in coordination with the
22 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall
23 establish a micro-credential program within One Hundred and Twenty
24 (120) days after the effective date of this act for the purpose of

1 permitting any teacher candidate or teacher who holds a certificate
2 to teach to complete additional coursework and earn micro-
3 credentials in science, technology, engineering and mathematics
4 (STEM) endorsement areas including computer science.

5 B. The State Department of Education and the Commission for
6 Educational Quality and Accountability shall convene a working group
7 including pertinent education stakeholders to determine how any
8 micro-credential awarded pursuant to any micro-credential program
9 established pursuant to subsection A of this section will be used
10 such uses shall include:

11 1. To award add-on endorsements to teachers in STEM endorsement
12 areas including computer science;

13 2. In lieu of the subject area competency examination required
14 by Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

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

17 C. Any course offered through a micro-credential program
18 established pursuant to subsection A of this section may be offered
19 in person, online or in a blended format of in-person and online
20 instruction.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/25/2021
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