

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 4390

By: Baker

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10 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
11 Section 6-204.1, which relates to the Education
12 Leadership Oklahoma Act; adding definitions; amending
13 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-212, which relates to a
14 micro-credential program for teachers; restricting
15 program eligibility to certified teachers; including
16 certain micro-credential stacks, endorsements, and
17 micro-credentials in program; modifying how awarded
18 micro-credentials may be used; authorizing rule
19 promulgation to implement program; and providing an
20 effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

9 3. "Certification" means National Board certification;

10 4. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
11 Preparation;

12 5. "National Board" means the National Board for Professional
13 Teaching Standards;

14 6. "National Board certification" means National Board
15 certification as provided by the National Board for Professional
16 Teaching Standards; ~~and~~

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

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

22 9. "Endorsement" means a certification earned by a certified
23 teacher who completes a micro-credential stack which, where
24 applicable, may be used in lieu of the subject area competency

1 examination required by Section 6-187 of this title for subject
2 areas that are substantially equal to the content covered in a
3 stack;

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

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

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

17 Section 6-212. A. The State Department of Education ~~in~~
18 ~~coordination with the Commission for Educational Quality and~~
19 ~~Accountability~~ shall establish a micro-credential program ~~within one~~
20 ~~hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act for~~
21 the purpose of permitting any ~~teacher candidate or~~ certified teacher
22 ~~who holds a certificate to teach~~ to complete additional coursework
23 and earn micro-credentials ~~in science, technology, engineering and~~

~~mathematics (STEM) endorsement areas including computer science.~~

The micro-credential program shall include, but is not limited to:

1. Micro-credential stacks supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) integration, provided any endorsements earned upon completion shall not substitute for the subject area competency examinations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 C. Any course offered through a micro-credential program
4 established pursuant to subsection A of this section may be offered
5 in person, online or in a blended format of in-person and online
6 instruction.

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

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

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/16/2022
16 - DO PASS, As Amended.