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2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 1535

By: Pugh of the Senate

and

Osburn of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 [teachers - effective date -

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.3, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 6-101.3 As used in Section 6-101 et seq. of this title:

19 1. "Administrator" means a duly certified person who devotes a
20 majority of time to service as a superintendent, elementary
21 superintendent, principal, supervisor, vice principal, or in any
22 other administrative or supervisory capacity in the school district;
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1 2. "Dismissal" means the discontinuance of the teaching service
2 of an administrator or teacher during the term of a written
3 contract, as provided by law;

4 3. "Nonreemployment" means the nonrenewal of the contract of an
5 administrator or teacher upon expiration of the contract;

6 4. "Career teacher" means a teacher who:

7 a. ~~is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-~~
8 ~~2018 school year and has completed three (3) or more~~
9 ~~consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one~~
10 ~~school district under a written continuing or~~
11 ~~temporary teaching contract, or~~

12 b. ~~is employed for the first time by a school district~~
13 ~~under a written continuing or temporary teaching~~
14 ~~contract during the 2017-2018 school year and~~
15 ~~thereafter:~~

16 ~~(1) has completed three (3) consecutive complete~~
17 ~~school years as a teacher in one school district~~
18 ~~under a written continuing or temporary teaching~~
19 ~~contract and has achieved a district evaluation~~
20 ~~rating of "superior" as measured pursuant to the~~
21 ~~TLE as set forth in Section 6-101.16 of this~~
22 ~~title for at least two (2) of the three (3)~~
23 ~~school years,~~

1 ~~(2) has completed four (4) consecutive complete~~
2 ~~school years as a teacher in one school district~~
3 ~~under a written continuing or temporary teaching~~
4 ~~contract, has averaged a district evaluation~~
5 ~~rating of at least "effective" as measured~~
6 ~~pursuant to the TLE for the four-year period, and~~
7 ~~has received district evaluation ratings of at~~
8 ~~least "effective" for the last two (2) years of~~
9 ~~the four-year period, or~~

10 ~~(3) has completed four (4) or more consecutive~~
11 ~~complete school years in one school district~~
12 ~~under a written continuing or temporary teaching~~
13 ~~contract and has not met the requirements of~~
14 ~~subparagraph a or b of this paragraph, only if~~
15 ~~the principal of the school at which the teacher~~
16 ~~is employed submits a petition to the~~
17 ~~superintendent of the school district requesting~~
18 ~~that the teacher be granted career status, the~~
19 ~~superintendent agrees with the petition, and the~~
20 ~~school district board of education approves the~~
21 ~~petition. The principal shall specify in the~~
22 ~~petition the underlying facts supporting the~~
23 ~~granting of career status to the teacher;~~

1 5. "Teacher hearing" means the hearing before a school district
2 board of education after a recommendation for dismissal or
3 nonreemployment of a teacher has been made but before any final
4 action is taken on the recommendation, held for the purpose of
5 affording the teacher all rights guaranteed by the United States
6 Constitution and the Constitution of Oklahoma under circumstances
7 and for enabling the board to determine whether to approve or
8 disapprove the recommendation;

9 6. "Probationary teacher" means a teacher who:

- 10 a. ~~is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-~~
11 ~~2018 school year and has completed fewer than three~~
12 (3) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in
13 one school district under a written teaching contract,
14 ~~or~~
- 15 b. ~~is employed for the first time by a school district~~
16 ~~under a written teaching contract during the 2017-2018~~
17 ~~school year and thereafter and has not met the~~
18 ~~requirements for career teacher as provided in~~
19 ~~paragraph 4 of this section;~~

20 7. "Suspension" or "suspended" means the temporary
21 discontinuance of the services of an administrator or teacher, as
22 provided by law;

23 8. "Teacher" ~~means a person defined as a teacher~~ has the same
24 meaning as provided for in Section 1-116 of this title; and

1 9. "District evaluation rating" means the rating issued based
2 on the components of the TLE as set forth in subsection B of Section
3 6-101.16 of this title.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.11, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 6-101.11 Whenever any evaluation is made of a teacher
7 or administrator, a true copy of the evaluation shall be presented
8 to the person evaluated, who shall acknowledge the written
9 evaluation by signing the original. Within two (2) weeks after the
10 evaluation, the person evaluated may respond and said response shall
11 be made part of the record. Except by order of a court of competent
12 jurisdiction, evaluation documents and the responses thereto shall
13 be available only to the evaluated person, the board of education,
14 the administrative staff making the evaluation, the board and
15 administrative staff of any school to which such evaluated person
16 applies for employment, and such other persons as are specified by
17 the teacher in writing and shall be subject to disclosure at any
18 hearing involving a teacher or administrator's dismissal or
19 nonrenewal from employment. ~~Data collected pursuant to Section 6-~~
20 ~~101.10 shall be available to authorized representatives of the State~~
21 ~~Department of Education and its contracting designees who must be~~
22 ~~contractually bound to the Department to maintain confidentiality of~~
23 ~~all information received from the Department when such evaluation~~
24 ~~data is used by the Department for data collection/analysis purposes~~

1 ~~under the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation~~
2 ~~System, and such other persons as are specified by the teacher in~~
3 ~~writing and shall be subject to disclosure at any hearing involving~~
4 ~~a teacher or administrator's dismissal or nonrenewal from~~
5 ~~employment.~~

6 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.16, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 6-101.16 A. By December 15, 2011, the State Board of
9 Education shall adopt a new statewide system of evaluation to be
10 known as the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation
11 System (TLE). The Board shall work cooperatively with school
12 districts to incorporate the components of the TLE in all school
13 districts by the 2017-2018 school year ~~as provided for in Section 6-~~
14 ~~101.10 of this title.~~

15 B. The TLE shall include the following components:

16 1. Annual evaluations that provide feedback to improve student
17 learning and outcomes, except as provided for in subsection ~~C~~ D of
18 this section;

19 2. A five-tier district evaluation rating system as follows:

- 20 a. superior,
- 21 b. highly effective,
- 22 c. effective,
- 23 d. needs improvement, and
- 24 e. ineffective;

1 3. An evidence-based qualitative assessment tool for the
2 teacher qualitative portion of the TLE that will include observable
3 and measurable characteristics of personnel and classroom practices
4 that are correlated to student performance success, including, but
5 not limited to:

- 6 a. organizational and classroom management skills,
- 7 b. ability to provide effective instruction,
- 8 c. focus on continuous improvement and professional
9 growth,
- 10 d. interpersonal skills, and
- 11 e. leadership skills;

12 4. An evidence-based qualitative assessment tool for the leader
13 qualitative portion of the TLE that will include observable and
14 measurable characteristics of personnel and site management
15 practices that are correlated to student performance success,
16 including, but not limited to:

- 17 a. organizational and school management, including
18 retention and development of effective teachers and
19 dismissal of ineffective teachers,
- 20 b. instructional leadership,
- 21 c. professional growth and responsibility,
- 22 d. interpersonal skills,
- 23 e. leadership skills, and
- 24 f. stakeholder perceptions;

1 5. ~~An individualized program of professional development for~~
2 ~~all teachers and administrators as adopted by the school district~~
3 ~~board of education as set forth in subsection B of Section 6-101.10~~
4 ~~of this title;~~

5 ~~6.~~ For districts choosing to use, at their own expense,
6 quantitative measures of teachers and leaders as part of the
7 district evaluation rating, such measures shall include a minimum of
8 one reliable, research-based measure as approved by the State Board
9 of Education pursuant to subsection ~~D~~ E of this section; and

10 ~~7.~~ 6. For all district evaluations, student performance,
11 including performance on the statewide criterion-referenced tests if
12 available, shall be discussed with the teacher and may be one of the
13 considerations for the teacher's district evaluation rating.

14 C. School districts may submit a request to the State Board of
15 Education to use an alternate evaluation system other than the
16 system selected by the Board pursuant to subsection A of this
17 section if the school district establishes the capacity to implement
18 a research-based performance review evaluation system which meets
19 the criteria of the TLE system.

20 D. Career teachers receiving a district evaluation rating of
21 "superior" or "highly effective" under the TLE may be evaluated once
22 every three (3) years.

23 ~~D.~~ E. By December 1, 2015, the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness
24 Commission shall recommend to the State Board of Education multiple

1 reliable, research-based measures to provide a quantitative
2 evaluation component for teachers. The State Board of Education
3 shall approve and publish a list of approved measures by February 1,
4 2016.

5 ~~E.~~ F. A school district with an average daily attendance of
6 more than thirty-five thousand (35,000) which has incorporated
7 quantitative components of the TLE into its evaluation system of
8 teachers and administrators prior to the 2015-2016 school year may
9 continue using its evaluation system, as defined by the school
10 district's written policies, notwithstanding the provisions of this
11 section and regardless of the State Board of Education's adoption of
12 quantitative components pursuant to this section.

13 ~~F.~~ G. The State Department of Education shall provide to the
14 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Oklahoma
15 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability timely
16 electronic data linked to teachers and leaders derived from the TLE
17 for purposes of providing a basis for the development of
18 accountability and quality improvements of the teacher preparation
19 system. The data shall be provided in a manner and at such times as
20 agreed upon between the Department, the State Regents and the
21 Commission.

22 ~~G.~~ H. For purposes of this section, "leader" means a principal,
23 assistant principal or any other school administrator who is
24 responsible for supervising classroom teachers.

1 ~~H.~~ I. The State Department of Education may collect school
2 district evaluation information only as is required for federal
3 reporting. The State Department of Education shall keep all data
4 collected pursuant to the TLE and records of annual evaluations
5 received pursuant to this section confidential. Records created
6 pursuant to this section which identify, in any way, a current or
7 former public employee shall not be subject to disclosure under the
8 Oklahoma Open Records Act. Nothing in this subsection shall be
9 construed to prohibit disclosure otherwise required by this section;
10 provided, however, any provisions requiring disclosure of TLE
11 records shall be construed narrowly and all individually identifying
12 information shall be removed from such records to the fullest extent
13 possible.

14 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.23, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 6-101.23 A. The dismissal, suspension, and
17 nonreemployment provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990
18 shall not apply to:

- 19 1. Substitute teachers;
- 20 2. Adult education teachers; and
- 21 3. Teachers who are employed on temporary contracts.

22 B. The dismissal and suspension provisions of the Teacher Due
23 Process Act of 1990 shall apply to teachers who are employed on
24 temporary contracts for a complete school year and to teachers who

1 are employed in positions fully funded by federal or private
2 categorical grants, except that such teachers shall be employed only
3 for the duration of the temporary contract or the grant.

4 ~~C. The evaluation provisions in Sections 6-101.10 and 6-101.11~~
5 ~~of this title and in the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990 shall apply~~
6 ~~to teachers who are employed on temporary contracts for a complete~~
7 ~~school year and to teachers who are employed in positions fully~~
8 ~~funded by federal or private categorical grants, except that such~~
9 ~~teachers shall be employed only for the duration of the temporary~~
10 ~~contract or the grant.~~

11 ~~D.~~ Teachers other than those specifically excepted in
12 subsection A of this section who are employed on contracts shall be
13 afforded all substantive and procedural rights set forth in the
14 Teacher Due Process Act of 1990 including the dismissal, suspension,
15 and nonreemployment provisions applicable to probationary or career
16 teachers as defined in Section 6-101.3 of this title.

17 ~~E.~~ D. On and after the effective date of this act any teacher
18 who has worked a complete school year under a temporary contract in
19 a school district shall be granted a year of service credit toward
20 career status in that district.

21 ~~F.~~ E. No teacher shall be hired on a temporary contract by a
22 school district for more than four semesters or on multiple
23 temporary contracts by a school district that together are for more
24 than four semesters, except for a:

1 1. Teacher hired to replace a teacher who is on an approved
2 leave of absence and who is expected to return to employment with
3 the school district; or

4 2. Teacher who is a retired member of the Teachers' Retirement
5 System of Oklahoma.

6 ~~G.~~ F. No teacher shall be offered a temporary contract with a
7 school district without a full written disclosure at the time a
8 position is offered by the administration of the school district
9 which sets forth the terms and conditions of the temporary contract.
10 In the event the school district fails to provide such written
11 disclosure, the teacher shall be considered as employed on a
12 continuing contract basis.

13 ~~H.~~ G. On and after the effective date of this act no teacher
14 who is employed on a continuing contract basis by a school district
15 shall be reemployed on a temporary contract in that school district.

16 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.24, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 6-101.24 A. Upon full implementation of the Oklahoma
19 Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) ~~as set~~
20 ~~forth in Section 6-101.10 of this title~~, when a teacher receives a
21 rating as measured pursuant to the TLE as set forth in Section 6-
22 101.16 of this title that may lead to a recommendation for the
23 dismissal or nonreemployment of the teacher or when an administrator
24 identifies poor performance or conduct that the administrator

1 believes may lead to a recommendation for the dismissal or
2 nonreemployment of the teacher, the administrator shall:

3 1. Admonish the teacher, in writing, and make a reasonable
4 effort to assist the teacher in correcting the poor performance or
5 conduct; and

6 2. Establish a reasonable time for improvement, not to exceed
7 two (2) months, taking into consideration the rating on the
8 evaluation or the nature and gravity of the performance or conduct.

9 B. If the teacher does not correct the poor performance or
10 conduct cited in the admonition within the time specified, the
11 administrator ~~shall~~ may make a recommendation to the superintendent
12 of the school district for the dismissal or nonreemployment of the
13 teacher.

14 C. Whenever a member of the board of education, superintendent,
15 or other administrator identifies poor performance or conduct that
16 may lead to a recommendation for dismissal or nonreemployment of a
17 teacher within the district, the administrator who has
18 responsibility for evaluation of the teacher shall be informed, and
19 that administrator shall comply with the procedures set forth in
20 this section. If the administrator fails or refuses to admonish the
21 teacher within ten (10) days after being so informed by the board,
22 superintendent, or other administrator, such board, superintendent,
23 or other administrator shall admonish the teacher pursuant to the
24 provisions of this section.

1 D. Repeated negligence in performance of duty, willful neglect
2 of duty, incompetency, instructional ineffectiveness, or
3 unsatisfactory teaching performance, for a career teacher or any
4 cause related to inadequate teaching performance for a probationary
5 teacher shall not be a basis for a recommendation to dismiss or not
6 reemploy a teacher unless and until the provisions of this section
7 have been complied with.

8 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-190, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school
11 district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in
12 Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified to teach by
13 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher
14 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101
15 of this title and by other law.

16 B. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person
17 who:

18 1. Has successfully completed the teacher education program
19 required by the Commission for Educational Quality and
20 Accountability;

21 2. Has graduated from an accredited institution of higher
22 education that has approval or accreditation for teacher education;

23 3. Has met all other requirements as may be established by the
24 Board;

1 4. Has made the necessary application and paid the competency
2 examination fee in an amount and as prescribed by the Commission;

3 5. Has successfully completed the competency examination
4 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

5 6. Beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board a
6 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State
7 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history
8 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
9 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the
10 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective
11 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history
12 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible
13 for the cost of the criminal history records.

14 C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person
15 who:

16 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements
17 set forth in subsection G of this section;

18 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
19 Teaching Standards;

20 3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the
21 requirements set forth in subsection F of this section; or

22 4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in
23 the majority of other states or comparable customized exam and meets
24 the requirements set forth in subsection H of this section.

1 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for initial
2 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current
3 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
4 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
5 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
6 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue
7 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of
8 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
9 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the
10 criminal history records.

11 E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to
12 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the
13 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional
14 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher
15 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

16 F. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
17 who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and meets any
18 requirements established by the Board. The certificate to teach
19 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most closely
20 aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-
21 of-country certificate.

22 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
23 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations
24 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the

1 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-country
2 certificate.

3 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
4 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
5 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
6 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
7 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
8 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
9 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
10 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
11 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
12 cost of the criminal history record checks.

13 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by
14 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for
15 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this
16 subsection.

17 G. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
18 who holds a valid out-of-state certificate. The certificate to
19 teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most
20 closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on
21 the out-of-state certificate.

22 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
23 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations
24 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the

1 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state
2 certificate.

3 3. A person who meets the requirements of this subsection shall
4 have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma criminal history
5 record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well
6 as a national criminal history record check as defined in Section
7 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon receipt of the
8 Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may issue a
9 temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of the
10 national fingerprint-based criminal history record check. The
11 person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost
12 of the criminal history record checks.

13 H. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
14 who has successfully completed a competency exam used in a majority
15 of the other states. The certificate to teach shall only be for
16 those subject areas and grade levels that correspond with a
17 certification area used in Oklahoma.

18 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
19 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
20 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
21 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
22 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
23 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
24 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt

1 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
2 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
3 cost of the criminal history record checks.

4 I. The Board shall issue a lead teaching certificate to any
5 person who upon application:

6 1. Has successfully completed the requirements of this
7 subsection;

8 2. Has a minimum of five (5) years of experience as a teacher;

9 3. ~~Participates in a meaningful individualized program of~~
10 ~~professional development, as provided for in Section 6-101.10 of~~
11 ~~this title;~~

12 ~~4.~~ Has earned a "highly effective" or "superior" rating
13 pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this title; and

14 ~~5.~~ 4. May have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five
15 percent (75%) student instruction to allow the teacher to mentor
16 other teachers.

17 J. 1. The Board shall issue a master teaching certificate to
18 any person who upon application:

19 a. has successfully completed the requirements of this
20 subsection,

21 b. has a minimum of seven (7) years of experience as a
22 teacher, and

23 c. (1) has earned a "superior" rating pursuant to
24 Section 6-101.16 of this title, or

1 (2) has earned a "highly effective" rating pursuant
2 to Section 6-101.16 of this title and holds or
3 has held a National Board certification from the
4 National Board for Professional Teaching
5 Standards.

6 2. Teachers with a master teaching certificate may assume
7 leadership roles that include but are not limited to:

- 8 a. the planning and delivery of professional development
9 activities designed to improve instructional
10 strategies,
11 b. the facilitation of an instructional leadership team
12 within the building or school district in which the
13 lead teacher is assigned, and
14 c. the mentoring of other teachers and participation in
15 evaluations of other teachers.

16 3. Teachers with a master teaching certificate may have a
17 teaching load of not more than fifty percent (50%) student
18 instruction to allow the lead teacher to spend time on:

- 19 a. co-teaching,
20 b. co-planning,
21 c. peer reviews, and
22 d. other duties mutually agreed upon by the
23 superintendent and the master teacher, and may be used
24 to satisfy the qualitative evaluation component for

1 teachers as required by Section 6-101.16 of this title
2 by performing the duties set forth in this paragraph.

3 K. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement
4 a renewal schedule and associated fees for lead and master teaching
5 certificates. The rules shall allow a teacher that no longer meets
6 the requirements of a lead or master teaching certificate to make
7 application for the standard teaching certificate.

8 L. The terms of the contracts issued to those holding lead and
9 master teaching certificates shall include the following:

10 1. Lead: an additional ten (10) days to be used to strengthen
11 instructional leadership. A person with a lead teaching certificate
12 shall receive an annual salary supplement of at least Three Thousand
13 Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever
14 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies
15 pursuant to Section 18-114.14 of this title; and

16 2. Master: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to
17 strengthen leadership. A person with a master teaching certificate
18 shall receive an annual salary supplement of at least Five Thousand
19 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever
20 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies
21 pursuant to Section 18-114.14 of this title.

22 If a person with a lead or master teaching certificate changes
23 school districts during the life of the certificate, the terms of
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1 the contracts required in this subsection shall be subject to
2 approval by the new employing school district.

3 M. 1. Any person who is eligible for a lead or master teaching
4 certificate described in this section shall make application for the
5 following school year with the State Board of Education. The
6 application shall include a recommendation from the ~~local~~ school
7 district board of education and determination that the applicant has
8 met the statutory criteria. In reviewing an application, the ~~local~~
9 school district board of education and the superintendent shall
10 consider the ability of the school district to fulfill the
11 additional requirements described in subsections I and J of this
12 section before making a recommendation to the State Board of
13 Education.

14 2. The State Department of Education shall develop an
15 application to implement the provisions of this subsection and make
16 it available to school districts.

17 N. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the Department shall
18 make the teaching certificates provided for in this section
19 available for any person who has received a recommendation from
20 their ~~local~~ school district board of education and who meets the
21 eligibility criteria.

22 O. For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, the Department
23 shall identify school districts to implement the teaching
24 certificates provided for in this section on a pilot program basis

1 with the assistance of public-private partnerships, funding from
2 philanthropic organizations, or federal grants.

3 P. The Department shall seek funding necessary for the
4 administration of this section. If funding for the administration
5 of the teaching certificates listed in subsections I and J of this
6 section is not available, the Department shall not be required to
7 fulfill the requirements listed in subsections L, M, N, and O of
8 this section.

9 Q. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
10 implement the provisions of this act.

11 SECTION 7. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.10, is
12 hereby repealed.

13 SECTION 8. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

14 SECTION 9. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 04/13/2022
20 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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