

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 6, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 2752

By: Baker and Sterling of the
House

5 and

6 Stanley of the Senate

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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.

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

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

23 A. The State Department of Education in coordination with the
24 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall
25 establish a micro-credential program within one hundred twenty (120)
26 days after the effective date of this act for the purpose of
27 permitting any teacher candidate or teacher who holds a certificate

1 to teach to complete additional coursework and earn micro-
2 credentials in science, technology, engineering and mathematics
3 (STEM) endorsement areas including computer science.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 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.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
4 April 6, 2021 - DO PASS

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