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April 12, 2022

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 4390

By: Baker, Miller, and Waldron  
of the House

and

# Stanley of the Senate

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;

2. "Salary increment" means the National Board certification salary category as set forth in Section 3 18-114.14 of this act

1 title which is granted to eligible teachers as provided for in  
2 subsection I of Section 6-204.2 of this title maintaining National  
3 Board certification;

4 3. "Certification" means National Board certification;

5 4. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher  
6 Preparation;

7 5. "National Board" means the National Board for Professional  
8 Teaching Standards;

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

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

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

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

23 10. "Micro-credential" means a postsecondary credential to  
24 support teacher instruction comprised of a coherent set of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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