

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4016

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-192, which relates to professional development of teachers; requiring program to include information on significant state and federal education laws and regulations; authorizing State Board of Education to promulgate rules; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-192, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-192. A. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Legislature to establish a professional development procedure whereby all teachers in the state continue their education beyond initial certification by the state to ensure that the children of the state are taught by professional educators, fully prepared in their areas of expertise. Furthermore, such professional development procedure shall provide alternative means of education, including one or more of the following: In-service programs, higher

1 education courses, or other alternative means of education designed
2 to help teachers enrich their professional abilities.

3 B. The professional development procedure shall include digital
4 teaching and learning standards to enhance content delivery to
5 students and improve student achievement. A local district board of
6 education shall require a program for teachers which shall emphasize
7 the importance of digital teaching and learning standards.

8 Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the program shall include
9 information for teachers on significant state and federal education
10 laws and regulations. The program shall be completed the first year
11 a certified teacher is employed by a school district, and then at a
12 frequency as determined by the local board.

13 C. The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to
14 implement the provisions of this section.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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