

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 4390

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

22 2. "Salary increment" means the National Board certification  
23 salary category as set forth in Section ~~3~~ 18-114.14 of this ~~act~~  
24 title which is granted to eligible teachers as provided for in

1 subsection I of Section 6-204.2 of this title maintaining National  
2 Board certification;

3 3. "Certification" means National Board certification;

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 10. "Micro-credential" means a postsecondary credential to  
23 support teacher instruction comprised of a coherent set of  
24 measurable activities or projects that provide specific career

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

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

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

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

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

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

3        B. The State Department of Education ~~and,~~ in consultation with  
4 the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability and the  
5 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, shall ~~convene a working~~  
6 ~~group including pertinent education stakeholders to~~ determine how if  
7 any micro-credential awarded pursuant to any micro-credential  
8 program established pursuant to subsection A of this section will  
9 may be used 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~~ in lieu of the subject area competency examination  
13 required by Section 6-187 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this  
14 title; and

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

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

21        D. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
22 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability and the  
23 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, shall promulgate rules  
24 as necessary to implement the micro-credential program and ensure

1 that rigor and content adequately prepares teachers to provide  
2 quality instruction.

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

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