

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2752

By: Baker

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to teachers; directing the State Department of Education in certain coordination to establish a micro-credential program for certain subject areas; directing the creation of certain working group to determine how certain micro-credential may be used; allowing courses offered as part of certain program to be provided in person, online or in certain blended format; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. The State Department of Education in coordination with the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall establish a micro-credential program within One Hundred and Twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act for the purpose of permitting any teacher candidate or teacher who holds a certificate to teach to complete additional coursework and earn micro-

1 credentials in science, technology, engineering and mathematics
2 (STEM) endorsement areas including computer science.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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