

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 526

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Echols of the House

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6 An Act relating to teachers; amending 51 O.S. 2021,  
7 Section 24A.7, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 307,  
8 O.S.L. 2022 (51 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 24A.7),  
9 which relates to confidentiality of certain personnel  
10 records; modifying language regarding confidentiality  
11 of certain evaluation records \*\*\* amending 70 O.S.  
12 2021, Section 6-101.11, which relates to copies of  
13 evaluations; providing statutory reference; removing  
14 language regarding availability of certain evaluation  
15 data; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.13, which  
16 relates to due process procedures; removing language  
17 allowing dismissal or nonreemployment of a principal  
18 who receives certain evaluation rating \*\*\* updating  
19 statutory language; updating statutory reference;  
20 repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.16, which  
21 relates to adoption of the Oklahoma Teacher and  
22 Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System; repealing 70  
23 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.31, which relates to basing  
24 retention or reassignment decisions on certain  
evaluation ratings; providing an effective date; and  
declaring an emergency.

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18 NOTE: Emergency failed

19 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, line 6, through page 2, line 15.5, strike  
20 the title to read:

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21 "[ teachers - confidentiality of evaluation records -  
22 compensation for evaluation ratings - incentive pay  
23 plan - Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness  
24 Evaluation System - professional development policy -

workshops - evaluation data - dismissal or  
nonreemployment of a principal - reasons to dismiss  
career teachers - dismissal or nonreemployment of  
teachers - evaluation system - repealer ]"

AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 2, line 18, strike the enacting clause

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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10 records; modifying language regarding confidentiality  
11 of certain evaluation records; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
12 Section 5-141, which relates to school district  
13 minimum salary schedules; removing language allowing  
14 additional compensation for certain evaluation  
15 ratings; updating statutory reference; updating  
16 statutory language; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-  
17 141.2, which relates to model incentive pay plans;  
18 removing statutory reference; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
19 Section 5-141.4, which relates to teacher incentive  
20 pay awards; removing language allowing an incentive  
21 pay plan to be based on certain system; updating  
22 statutory language; defining term; amending 70 O.S.  
23 2021, Section 6-101.3, which relates to definitions  
24 related to teachers; modifying definitions; amending  
70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.10, which relates to  
school district evaluation policies; allowing rather  
than requiring certain policy; removing reference to  
certain professional development; providing optional  
criteria for certain policy; removing references to  
implementation of the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader  
Effectiveness Evaluation System; removing  
requirements for certain professional development  
policy; removing requirement for certain training;  
allowing rather than requiring the State Department  
of Education to conduct certain workshops; removing  
language directing monitoring of certain compliance;  
amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.11, which  
relates to copies of evaluations; providing statutory  
reference; removing language regarding availability  
of certain evaluation data; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
Section 6-101.13, which relates to due process  
procedures; removing language allowing dismissal or

1 nonreemployment of a principal who receives certain  
2 evaluation rating; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-  
3 101.22, which relates to reasons to dismiss career  
4 teachers; removing language requiring dismissal or  
5 nonreemployment of teachers who receive certain  
6 evaluation ratings; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-  
7 101.23, which relates to inapplicability of certain  
8 due process provisions; removing language requiring  
9 application of certain evaluation provisions to  
10 certain teachers; updating statutory references;  
11 amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.24, which  
12 relates to identification of poor teacher  
13 performance; removing language regarding actions to  
14 be taken upon implementation of certain evaluation  
15 system; allowing rather than requiring certain  
16 recommendation for dismissal or nonreemployment;  
17 providing statutory reference; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
18 Section 6-190, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 359,  
19 O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 6-190),  
20 which relates to contracting with teachers; removing  
21 qualifications for certain teacher certificates  
22 related to evaluation ratings; removing certain  
23 exemption; updating statutory language; updating  
24 statutory reference; repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section  
6-101.16, which relates to adoption of the Oklahoma  
Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System;  
repealing 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.31, which  
relates to basing retention or reassignment decisions  
on certain evaluation ratings; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2021, Section 24A.7, as  
amended by Section 2, Chapter 307, O.S.L. 2022 (51 O.S. Supp. 2022,  
Section 24A.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24A.7. A. At the sole discretion of the public body, a  
public body may keep personnel records confidential:

1        1. Which relate to internal personnel investigations including  
2 examination and selection material for employment, hiring,  
3 appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or resignation; or

4        2. Where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted  
5 invasion of personal privacy such as employee evaluations, payroll  
6 deductions, employment applications submitted by persons not hired  
7 by the public body, and transcripts from institutions of higher  
8 education maintained in the personnel files of certified public  
9 school employees; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection  
10 shall be construed to exempt from disclosure the degree obtained and  
11 the curriculum on the transcripts of certified public school  
12 employees.

13        B. All personnel records not specifically falling within the  
14 exceptions provided in subsection A or D of this section shall be  
15 available for public inspection and copying including, but not  
16 limited to, records of:

17        1. An employment application of a person who becomes a public  
18 official;

19        2. The gross receipts of public funds;

20        3. The dates of employment, title, or position; and

21        4. Any final disciplinary action resulting in loss of pay,  
22 suspension, demotion of position, or termination.

1 C. Except as may otherwise be made confidential by statute, an  
2 employee of a public body shall have a right of access to his own  
3 personnel file.

4 D. The home addresses, home telephone numbers, Social Security  
5 numbers, private email addresses, and private mobile phone numbers  
6 of current and former public employees shall not be open to public  
7 inspection or disclosure; provided, however, that nothing in this  
8 subsection shall be construed to exempt from disclosure public  
9 records created using a private email address or private mobile  
10 phone.

11 E. ~~Except as otherwise required by Section 6-101.16 of Title 70~~  
12 ~~of the Oklahoma Statutes, public~~ Public bodies shall keep  
13 confidential all records ~~created pursuant~~ related to ~~the Oklahoma~~  
14 ~~Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) evaluations~~  
15 conducted pursuant to Section 6-101.10 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
16 Statutes which identify a current or former public employee and  
17 contain any evaluation, or observation ~~or other TLE~~ record of ~~such~~  
18 the employee.

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-141, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 5-141. A. Each school district of this state shall  
22 adopt a minimum salary schedule and shall transmit a copy of it to  
23 the State Board of Education within thirty (30) days after adoption.  
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1 A school district shall not calculate salaries of teachers solely as  
2 a proportion of the salaries of the administrators of the district.

3 B. Districts shall be encouraged to provide compensation  
4 schedules to reflect district policies and circumstances, including  
5 differential pay for different subject areas and special incentives  
6 for teachers in districts with specific geographical attributes.

7 ~~Districts may also adopt a salary schedule that provides additional~~  
8 ~~compensation for achieving certain ratings under the Oklahoma~~  
9 ~~Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set~~  
10 ~~forth in Section 6 of this act.~~ Any salary schedule adopted by a  
11 district pursuant to this section shall not set salaries at amounts  
12 less than those set pursuant to Section ~~18-114.12~~ 18-114.14 of this  
13 title.

14 C. The State Department of Education shall compile a report of  
15 the minimum salary schedules for every school district in the state  
16 and shall submit the report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives, and President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later  
18 than December 15 of each year.

19 D. Each school district shall file within fifteen (15) days of  
20 signing the contract, the employment contract of the superintendent  
21 of the school district with the State Department of Education. The  
22 Department shall keep all contracts available for inspection by the  
23 public. The school district shall not be authorized to pay any  
24 salary, benefits, or other compensation to a superintendent which

1 ~~are~~ is not specified in the contract on file and shall not pay  
2 administrators any amounts for accumulated sick leave that are not  
3 calculated on the same formula used for determining payment for  
4 accumulated sick leave benefits for other full-time employees of  
5 that school district and shall not pay administrators any amounts  
6 for accumulated vacation leave benefits that are not calculated on  
7 the same formula used for determining payment for accumulated  
8 vacation leave benefits for other twelve-month full-time employees  
9 of that school district.

10 E. By October 1 of each year each district board of education  
11 shall prepare a schedule of salaries and fringe benefits paid  
12 administrators employed by the district, including a description of  
13 the fringe benefits. The schedule shall be a public record and  
14 shall be disclosed as required by the Oklahoma Open Records Act.  
15 The board shall file a copy of the schedule with the State  
16 Department of Education within one week of completion.

17 F. For purposes of this section the term "administrator" shall  
18 include employees who are employed and certified as superintendents,  
19 assistant superintendents, principals, and assistant principals and  
20 who have responsibilities for supervising classroom teachers.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-141.2, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 5-141.2. A. ~~In addition to incentive pay plans~~  
24 ~~authorized pursuant to Section 4 of this act, the~~ The State Board of



1 Education shall develop not fewer than five different model  
2 incentive pay plans and shall distribute information about each plan  
3 to every school district board of education. No plan developed by  
4 the Board or implemented by a school district board of education  
5 shall permit payment in any one (1) year of incentives to any one  
6 teacher amounting to more than fifty percent (50%) of the regular  
7 salary of the teacher, exclusive of fringe benefits or extra duty  
8 pay. Any incentive pay award shall be an annual award and shall not  
9 be a part of a continuing contract of a teacher. Any incentive pay  
10 awards received shall be excluded from the compensation of a teacher  
11 for purposes of calculating retirement pursuant to the Teachers'  
12 Retirement System of Oklahoma and shall not be subject to taxes  
13 levied by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (F.I.C.A.), to the  
14 extent an exemption is provided by federal law.

15 B. A school district board of education may adopt an  
16 academically based, district incentive pay plan for the classroom  
17 teachers in the district. The district may adopt any incentive pay  
18 plan consistent with the requirements of this section, which may  
19 include any incentive pay plan developed by the State Board of  
20 Education pursuant to this section. The school district board of  
21 education shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of  
22 teachers, parents, business persons or farmers, and other local  
23 citizens to advise the board in formulating an incentive pay plan.  
24 Prior to the adoption of a plan, the board of education shall place

1 the plan on the school board agenda for public comment and shall  
2 submit the plan to the State Board of Education for final approval  
3 on or before March 1 prior to implementation of the plan during the  
4 succeeding school year. The board of education shall comply with  
5 the provisions of this subsection for any year a plan is to be  
6 modified.

7 C. A school district shall be required to adopt and implement  
8 an academically based, district incentive pay plan for any school  
9 year following the receipt by the school district board of  
10 education, of a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the  
11 classroom teachers employed in the district which calls for the  
12 adoption of an incentive pay plan for the district.

13 D. Student test scores shall not be the sole criterion for  
14 allocation of incentive pay under any plan developed or approved by  
15 the Board.

16 E. For the purposes of this section only, "classroom teacher"  
17 shall mean any employee who holds certification and assignment  
18 outside the classification of administrator.

19 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules  
20 necessary for the effective implementation and administration of  
21 this section.

22 G. Each school district board of education shall provide for a  
23 local evaluation committee which shall advise the board on which  
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1 teachers are to receive incentive pay awards and the amount of each  
2 incentive pay award according to the plan.

3 H. Nothing herein shall preclude a school district from  
4 supplementing any monies appropriated to the district for the  
5 purposes of funding the incentive pay plan of the district with  
6 monies from the general fund for the district.

7 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 5-141.4, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 5-141.4. A. ~~1. In addition to incentive pay plans~~  
10 ~~authorized pursuant to Section 5-141.2 of this title, beginning with~~  
11 ~~the 2012-13 school year, a school district may implement an~~  
12 ~~incentive pay plan that rewards teachers who are increasing student~~  
13 ~~and school growth in achievement.~~

14 ~~2. Teacher performance shall be measured using the Oklahoma~~  
15 ~~Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set~~  
16 ~~forth in Section 6-101.16 of this title.~~

17 ~~3. Individual teacher incentive pay awards shall be based upon:~~

18 ~~a. achieving either a "superior" or "highly effective"~~  
19 ~~rating under the TLE, and~~

20 ~~b. grade level, subject area, or school level performance~~  
21 ~~success.~~

22 ~~B. 1. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school~~  
23 ~~district may implement an incentive pay plan as authorized pursuant~~  
24 ~~to this section.~~

1       ~~2. For purposes of this section, "leader" means a principal,~~  
2 ~~assistant principal or any other school administrator who is~~  
3 ~~responsible for supervising classroom teachers.~~

4       ~~3. School leader effectiveness shall be measured using the~~  
5 ~~Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as~~  
6 ~~set forth in Section 6-101.16 of this title.~~

7       ~~4. Individual school leader incentive pay awards shall be based~~  
8 ~~upon:~~

9           ~~a. achieving either a "superior" or "highly effective"~~  
10           ~~rating under the TLE, and~~

11           ~~b. grade level, subject area, or school level performance~~  
12           ~~success.~~

13       ~~C. Incentive pay plans implemented pursuant to subsections A~~  
14 ~~and B of this section shall be developed through a collaborative~~  
15 ~~planning process involving stakeholders, including teachers and~~  
16 ~~school leaders.~~

17       ~~D. In addition to individual teacher and leader incentive pay~~  
18 ~~plans, as authorized pursuant to this section, School districts may~~  
19 ~~develop and implement incentive pay systems for:~~

20           1. Teaching in critical shortage subject areas including, but  
21 not limited to, foreign language;

22           2. Teachers and leaders who work in schools identified as in  
23 need of improvement as determined by the State Board of Education;

1        3. Teaching in the subject areas of ~~Science~~ science, ~~Technology~~  
2 technology, ~~Engineering~~ engineering, and ~~Math~~ mathematics (STEM); or

3        4. Teachers and leaders who work in schools or school districts  
4 designated by the State Board of Education as hard-to-staff. For  
5 purposes of this section, "leader" means a principal, assistant  
6 principal, or any other school administrator who is responsible for  
7 supervising classroom teachers.

8        ~~E.~~ B. 1. Prior to implementation of any incentive pay plan  
9 developed pursuant to this section, the school district board of  
10 education shall place the plan on the agenda for public comment at a  
11 meeting of the district board of education.

12        2. After approval of the incentive pay plan, the school  
13 district board of education shall submit the plan to the State Board  
14 of Education for final approval. Within sixty (60) days of receipt  
15 of the plan, the State Board shall review and approve or reject the  
16 plan. If it is determined that the plan meets the requirements of  
17 this section, the State Board shall approve the plan. If the plan  
18 does not meet the requirements of this section, the State Board  
19 shall reject the plan and provide written notification to the school  
20 district board of education along with the grounds for rejection.

21        3. The district board of education shall comply with the  
22 provisions of this subsection for any year a plan is to be modified.

23        ~~F.~~ C. Any incentive pay award shall be an annual award and  
24 shall not be a part of a continuing contract for an employee. Any

1 incentive pay award to any teacher or leader shall not exceed more  
2 than fifty percent (50%) of the regular salary of the teacher or  
3 leader, exclusive of fringe benefits or extra duty pay. Any  
4 incentive pay awards received shall be excluded from compensation  
5 for purposes of calculating retirement pursuant to the Teachers'  
6 Retirement System of Oklahoma and shall not be subject to taxes  
7 levied by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (F.I.C.A.), to the  
8 extent such exemption is provided by federal law.

9 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.3, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 6-101.3. As used in Section 6-101 et seq. of this  
12 title:

13 1. "Administrator" means a duly certified person who devotes a  
14 majority of time to service as a superintendent, elementary  
15 superintendent, principal, supervisor, vice principal, or in any  
16 other administrative or supervisory capacity in the school district;

17 2. "Dismissal" means the discontinuance of the teaching service  
18 of an administrator or teacher during the term of a written  
19 contract, as provided by law;

20 3. "Nonreemployment" means the nonrenewal of the contract of an  
21 administrator or teacher upon expiration of the contract;

22 4. "Career teacher" means a teacher who-

23 a. ~~is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-~~

24 ~~2018 school year and~~ has completed three (3) or more

consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract, ~~or~~

~~b. is employed for the first time by a school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract during the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter;~~

~~(1) has completed three (3) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract and has achieved a district evaluation rating of "superior" as measured pursuant to the TLE as set forth in Section 6-101.16 of this title for at least two (2) of the three (3) school years,~~

~~(2) has completed four (4) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract, has averaged a district evaluation rating of at least "effective" as measured pursuant to the TLE for the four-year period, and has received district evaluation ratings of at least "effective" for the last two (2) years of the four-year period, or~~

~~(3) has completed four (4) or more consecutive complete school years in one school district under a written continuing or temporary teaching contract and has not met the requirements of subparagraph a or b of this paragraph, only if the principal of the school at which the teacher is employed submits a petition to the superintendent of the school district requesting that the teacher be granted career status, the superintendent agrees with the petition, and the school district board of education approves the petition. The principal shall specify in the petition the underlying facts supporting the granting of career status to the teacher;~~

5. "Teacher hearing" means the hearing before a school district board of education after a recommendation for dismissal or nonreemployment of a teacher has been made but before any final action is taken on the recommendation, held for the purpose of affording the teacher all rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Oklahoma under circumstances and for enabling the board to determine whether to approve or disapprove the recommendation;

6. "Probationary teacher" means a teacher who÷



- 1       ~~a. is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-~~  
2       ~~2018 school year and has completed fewer than three~~  
3       ~~(3) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in~~  
4       ~~one school district under a written teaching contract,~~  
5       ~~or~~  
6       ~~b. is employed for the first time by a school district~~  
7       ~~under a written teaching contract during the 2017-2018~~  
8       ~~school year and thereafter and has not met the~~  
9       ~~requirements for career teacher as provided in~~  
10      ~~paragraph 4 of this section;~~

11       7. "Suspension" or "suspended" means the temporary  
12      discontinuance of the services of an administrator or teacher, as  
13      provided by law; and

14       8. "Teacher" ~~means a person defined as a teacher~~ has the same  
15      meaning as provided for in Section 1-116 of this title; ~~and~~

16       ~~9. "District evaluation rating" means the rating issued based~~  
17      ~~on the components of the TLE as set forth in subsection B of Section~~  
18      ~~6-101.16 of this title.~~

19       SECTION 6.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.10, is  
20      amended to read as follows:

21       Section 6-101.10. A. Each school district board of education  
22      ~~shall~~ may maintain and annually review, following consultation with  
23      or involvement of representatives selected by local teachers, a  
24      written policy of evaluation ~~and corresponding professional~~

1 ~~development~~ for all teachers and administrators. In those school  
2 districts in which there exists a professional negotiations  
3 agreement made in accordance with Section 509.1 et seq. of this  
4 title, the procedure for evaluating members of the negotiations unit  
5 and any standards of performance and conduct proposed for adoption  
6 beyond those established by the State Board of Education shall be  
7 negotiable items. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
8 annul, modify, or to preclude the renewal or continuing of any  
9 existing agreement heretofore entered into between any school  
10 district and any organizational representative of its employees.

11 ~~Every A school district~~ policy of evaluation ~~adopted by a board of~~  
12 ~~education shall~~ may:

13 1. Be based upon a set of minimum criteria developed by the  
14 ~~State Board of Education, which shall be revised and based upon the~~  
15 ~~Oklahoma Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE)~~  
16 ~~developed by the State Board of Education as provided in Section 6-~~  
17 ~~101.16 of this title. The revisions to each policy of evaluation~~  
18 ~~shall be phased in according to the following schedule:~~

19 a. ~~for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school~~  
20 ~~years, the evaluation rating of teachers and~~  
21 ~~administrators shall be based on the qualitative~~  
22 ~~component of the TLE. For the 2016-2017 school year,~~  
23 ~~the State Department of Education shall work with~~  
24 ~~school districts to develop individualized programs of~~

~~professional development as described in subsection B of this section. However, nothing in this subparagraph shall preclude a school district with an average daily attendance of more than thirty-five thousand (35,000) from continuing to use quantitative components which the district has incorporated at its own expense prior to the 2015-2016 school year into its evaluation system of teachers and administrators, as defined by the district's written policy,~~

~~b. for evaluations of teachers and administrators conducted during the 2017-2018 school year, and each school year thereafter, school districts shall incorporate and put into operation the qualitative component of the TLE as provided for in subsection B of Section 6-101.16 of this title into the evaluations used in all school sites within the district. For the 2017-2018 school year, and each school year thereafter, teachers and administrators shall receive a district evaluation rating based on the components of the TLE as set forth in subsection B of Section 6-101.16 of this title. For the 2017-2018 school year, school districts shall incorporate the individualized programs of professional development as described in~~

~~subsection B of this section on a pilot program basis,~~  
~~and~~  
~~c. for evaluations of teachers and administrators~~  
~~conducted during the 2018-2019 school year, and each~~  
~~school year thereafter, school districts shall fully~~  
~~incorporate and put into operation the individualized~~  
~~programs of professional development as described in~~  
~~subsection B of this section~~ school district board of  
education;

2. Be prescribed in writing at the time of adoption and at all times when amendments to the policy are adopted. The original policy and all amendments to the policy shall be promptly made available to all persons subject to the policy;

3. Provide that all evaluations be made in writing and that evaluation documents and responses thereto be maintained in a personnel file for each evaluated person;

4. Provide that every probationary teacher receive formative feedback from the evaluation process at least two times per school year, once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester;

5. Provide for the development of a focused and individualized program of professional development for the teacher or administrator;

1        6.    Provide that ~~every teacher be evaluated once every year,~~  
2 ~~except for career teachers receiving a district evaluation rating of~~  
3 ~~"superior" or "highly effective" under the TLE who may be evaluated~~  
4 ~~once every three (3) years~~ for the frequency of evaluation of  
5 teachers and administrators; and

6        ~~6.~~ 7.    Provide that, ~~except for the evaluation of~~  
7 superintendents of independent and elementary school districts and  
8 superintendents of area school districts ~~who shall be evaluated by~~  
9 the school district board of education, ~~all~~ and the evaluation of  
10 certified personnel ~~shall be evaluated by a principal, assistant~~  
11 principal, designee of the principal, supervisor, content expert,  
12 department chair, peer committee, or other ~~trained~~ persons or groups  
13 of persons designated by the school district board of education.

14        B.    ~~1.~~ Every policy of professional development adopted by a  
15 school district board of education shall provide for the development  
16 of a focused and individualized program of professional development  
17 for the teacher or administrator that is consistent with the  
18 qualitative component of the TLE. The policy of professional  
19 development shall:

20            a. ~~establish an annual professional growth goal for the~~  
21                teacher or administrator that is developed by the  
22                teacher or administrator in collaboration with the  
23                evaluator,

~~b. be tailored to address a specific area or criteria identified through the qualitative component of the TLE,~~

~~c. allow the teacher or administrator to actively engage with learning practices that are evidence-based, researched practices that are correlated with increased student achievement, and~~

~~d. be supported by resources that are easily available and supplied by the school district and the State Department of Education.~~

~~2. School districts shall monitor compliance with each individualized program of professional development implemented pursuant to this subsection. All professional development completed pursuant to an individualized program of professional development shall count toward the total number of points a teacher or administrator is required to complete as established by a school district board of education pursuant to Section 6-194 of this title. The implementation of the individualized program of professional development required by this subsection shall not be construed as increasing the professional development points requirements.~~

~~3. Individualized programs of professional development required by this subsection may include but are not limited to the following learning practices:~~

~~a. presenter-led workshops,~~

1       ~~b. individual or faculty studies of books, scholarly~~  
2       ~~articles and video productions,~~

3       ~~c. peer observations,~~

4       ~~d. committee studies to address student achievement~~  
5       ~~issues,~~

6       ~~e. work related to a specific subject area or areas~~  
7       ~~associated with obtaining an advanced degree or~~  
8       ~~professional certification,~~

9       ~~f. action research projects designed to improve student~~  
10      ~~achievement, and~~

11      ~~g. participation in local, regional or state initiatives~~  
12      ~~associated with the development or implementation of~~  
13      ~~curriculum standards.~~

14      ~~C. All individuals designated by the school district board of~~  
15      ~~education to conduct the personnel evaluations shall be required to~~  
16      ~~participate in training conducted by the State Department of~~  
17      ~~Education or training provided by the school district using~~  
18      ~~guidelines and materials developed by the State Department of~~  
19      ~~Education prior to conducting evaluations.~~

20      ~~D. The State Department of Education shall~~ may ~~develop and~~  
21      ~~conduct workshops pursuant to statewide criteria which train~~  
22      ~~individuals in conducting evaluations.~~

23      ~~E. The State Board of Education shall monitor compliance with~~  
24      ~~the provisions of this section by school districts.~~

1       ~~F. The State Board of Education shall study continued~~  
2 ~~implementation of the TLE to produce a system that promotes~~  
3 ~~reflection and professional growth for teachers and leaders.~~

4       ~~G. Refusal by a school district to comply with the provisions~~  
5 ~~of this section shall be grounds for withholding State Aid funds~~  
6 ~~until compliance occurs.~~

7       H. C. Data collected ~~pursuant to this section~~ pursuant to a  
8 school district's evaluation policy shall not be subject to the  
9 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act or the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

10       SECTION 7.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.11, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12       Section 6-101.11. Whenever any evaluation is made of a teacher  
13 or administrator pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-101.10 of  
14 this title, a true copy of the evaluation shall be presented to the  
15 person evaluated, who shall acknowledge the written evaluation by  
16 signing the original. Within two (2) weeks after the evaluation,  
17 the person evaluated may respond, and ~~said~~ the response shall be  
18 made part of the record. Except by order of a court of competent  
19 jurisdiction, evaluation documents and the responses thereto shall  
20 be available only to the evaluated person, the board of education,  
21 the administrative staff making the evaluation, the board and  
22 administrative staff of any school to which ~~such~~ the evaluated  
23 person applies for employment, and such other persons as are  
24 specified by the teacher in writing and shall be subject to



1 disclosure at any hearing involving a teacher or administrator's  
2 dismissal or nonrenewal from employment. ~~Data collected pursuant to~~  
3 ~~Section 6-101.10 shall be available to authorized representatives of~~  
4 ~~the State Department of Education and its contracting designees who~~  
5 ~~must be contractually bound to the Department to maintain~~  
6 ~~confidentiality of all information received from the Department when~~  
7 ~~such evaluation data is used by the Department for data~~  
8 ~~collection/analysis purposes under the Oklahoma Teacher and Leader~~  
9 ~~Effectiveness Evaluation System, and such other persons as are~~  
10 ~~specified by the teacher in writing and shall be subject to~~  
11 ~~disclosure at any hearing involving a teacher or administrator's~~  
12 ~~dismissal or nonrenewal from employment.~~

13 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.13, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 6-101.13. A. Whenever the school district board of  
16 education or the administration of a school district shall determine  
17 that the dismissal or nonreemployment of a full-time certified  
18 administrator from the administrative position within the school  
19 district should be effected, the administrator shall be entitled to  
20 the following due process procedures:

21 1. A statement shall be submitted to the administrator in  
22 writing prior to the dismissal or nonreemployment which states the  
23 proposed action, lists the reasons for effecting the action, and  
24

1 notifies the administrator of his or her right to a hearing before  
2 the school district board of education prior to the action; and

3 2. A hearing before the school district board of education  
4 shall be granted upon the request of the administrator prior to the  
5 dismissal or nonreemployment. A request for a hearing shall be  
6 submitted to the board of education not later than ten (10) days  
7 after the administrator has been notified of the proposed action.

8 B. Failure of the administrator to request a hearing before the  
9 school district board of education within ten (10) days after  
10 receiving the written statement shall constitute a waiver of the  
11 right to a hearing. No decision of the board of education  
12 concerning the dismissal or nonreemployment of a full-time certified  
13 administrator shall be effective until the administrator has been  
14 afforded due process as specified in this section. The decision of  
15 the school district board of education concerning the dismissal or  
16 nonreemployment, following the hearing, shall be final.

17 ~~C. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter, a~~  
18 ~~principal who has received district evaluation ratings of~~  
19 ~~"ineffective" as measured pursuant to the TLE as set forth in~~  
20 ~~Section 6-101.16 of this title for two (2) consecutive school years~~  
21 ~~may be dismissed or not reemployed by the school district, subject~~  
22 ~~to the due process procedures of this section.~~

23 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.22, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 6-101.22. A. Subject to the provisions of the Teacher  
2 Due Process Act of 1990, a career teacher may be dismissed or not  
3 reemployed for:

- 4 1. Willful neglect of duty;
- 5 2. Repeated negligence in performance of duty;
- 6 3. Mental or physical abuse to a child;
- 7 4. Incompetency;
- 8 5. Instructional ineffectiveness;
- 9 6. Unsatisfactory teaching performance;
- 10 7. Commission of an act of moral turpitude; or
- 11 8. Abandonment of contract.

12 B. Subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of  
13 1990, a probationary teacher may be dismissed or not reemployed for  
14 cause.

15 C. ~~During the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter:~~

16 ~~1. A career teacher who has received a district evaluation~~  
17 ~~rating of "ineffective" for two (2) consecutive school years shall~~  
18 ~~be dismissed or not reemployed on the grounds of instructional~~  
19 ~~ineffectiveness by the school district, subject to the provisions of~~  
20 ~~the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990. However, the superintendent~~  
21 ~~may recommend and the school district board of education may approve~~  
22 ~~continued employment of the teacher; and~~

23 ~~2. A career teacher who has received a district evaluation~~  
24 ~~rating of "needs improvement" or lower for three (3) consecutive~~

~~school years may be dismissed or not reemployed on the grounds of instructional ineffectiveness by the school district, subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990.~~

~~D. During the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter:~~

~~1. A probationary teacher who has received a district evaluation rating of "ineffective" as measured pursuant to the TLE for two (2) consecutive school years may be dismissed or not reemployed by the school district subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990; and~~

~~2. A probationary teacher who has not attained career teacher status within a four-year period may be dismissed or not reemployed by the school district, subject to the provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990.~~

~~E. A teacher shall be dismissed or not reemployed, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon has been issued, if during the term of employment the teacher is convicted in this state, the United States, or another state of:~~

~~1. Any sex offense subject to the Sex Offenders Registration Act in this state or subject to another state's or the federal sex offender registration provisions; or~~

~~2. Any felony offense.~~

~~F. D. A teacher may be dismissed, refused employment, or not reemployed after a finding that such person has engaged in acts that could form the basis of criminal charges sufficient to result in the~~

1 denial or revocation of a certificate for a reason set forth in  
2 subparagraph a of paragraph 6 of Section 3-104 of this title.

3 ~~G.~~ E. As used in this section, "abandonment of contract" means  
4 the failure of a teacher to report at the beginning of the contract  
5 term or otherwise perform the duties of a contract of employment  
6 when the teacher has accepted other employment or is performing work  
7 for another employer that prevents the teacher from fulfilling the  
8 obligations of the contract of employment.

9 ~~H.~~ F. A school district shall notify the State Board of  
10 Education within ten (10) days of the dismissal or nonreemployment  
11 of a probationary or career teacher for reasons outlined in  
12 subsection ~~F~~ D of this section.

13 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.23,  
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 6-101.23. A. The dismissal, suspension, and  
16 nonreemployment provisions of the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990  
17 shall not apply to:

- 18 1. Substitute teachers;
- 19 2. Adult education teachers; and
- 20 3. Teachers who are employed on temporary contracts.

21 B. The dismissal and suspension provisions of the Teacher Due  
22 Process Act of 1990 shall apply to teachers who are employed on  
23 temporary contracts for a complete school year and to teachers who  
24 are employed in positions fully funded by federal or private

1 categorical grants, except that such teachers shall be employed only  
2 for the duration of the temporary contract or the grant.

3 ~~C. The evaluation provisions in Sections 6-101.10 and 6-101.11~~  
4 ~~of this title and in the Teacher Due Process Act of 1990 shall apply~~  
5 ~~to teachers who are employed on temporary contracts for a complete~~  
6 ~~school year and to teachers who are employed in positions fully~~  
7 ~~funded by federal or private categorical grants, except that such~~  
8 ~~teachers shall be employed only for the duration of the temporary~~  
9 ~~contract or the grant.~~

10 ~~D.~~ Teachers other than those specifically excepted in  
11 subsection A of this section who are employed on contracts shall be  
12 afforded all substantive and procedural rights set forth in the  
13 Teacher Due Process Act of 1990 including the dismissal, suspension,  
14 and nonreemployment provisions applicable to probationary or career  
15 teachers as defined in Section 6-101.3 of this title.

16 ~~E.~~ D. On and after ~~the effective date of this act~~ July 1, 1999,  
17 any teacher who has worked a complete school year under a temporary  
18 contract in a school district shall be granted a year of service  
19 credit toward career status in that district.

20 ~~F.~~ E. No teacher shall be hired on a temporary contract by a  
21 school district for more than four semesters or on multiple  
22 temporary contracts by a school district that together are for more  
23 than four semesters, except for a:  
24

1        1. Teacher hired to replace a teacher who is on an approved  
2 leave of absence and who is expected to return to employment with  
3 the school district; or

4        2. Teacher who is a retired member of the Teachers' Retirement  
5 System of Oklahoma.

6        ~~G.~~ F. No teacher shall be offered a temporary contract with a  
7 school district without a full written disclosure at the time a  
8 position is offered by the administration of the school district  
9 which sets forth the terms and conditions of the temporary contract.  
10 In the event the school district fails to provide such written  
11 disclosure, the teacher shall be considered as employed on a  
12 continuing contract basis.

13        ~~H.~~ G. On and after ~~the effective date of this act~~ July 1, 1999,  
14 no teacher who is employed on a continuing contract basis by a  
15 school district shall be reemployed on a temporary contract in that  
16 school district.

17        SECTION 11.        AMENDATORY        70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.24,  
18 is amended to read as follows:

19        Section 6-101.24. A. ~~Upon full implementation of the Oklahoma~~  
20 ~~Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) as set~~  
21 ~~forth in Section 6-101.10 of this title, when a teacher receives a~~  
22 ~~rating as measured pursuant to the TLE as set forth in Section 6-~~  
23 ~~101.16 of this title that may lead to a recommendation for the~~  
24 ~~dismissal or nonreemployment of the teacher or when~~ When an

1 administrator who has the responsibility of evaluating a teacher  
2 under an evaluation policy adopted pursuant to Section 6-101.10 of  
3 this title identifies poor performance or conduct that the  
4 administrator believes may lead to a recommendation for the  
5 dismissal or nonreemployment of the teacher, the administrator  
6 shall:

7 1. Admonish the teacher, in writing, and make a reasonable  
8 effort to assist the teacher in correcting the poor performance or  
9 conduct; and

10 2. Establish a reasonable time for improvement, not to exceed  
11 two (2) months, taking into consideration ~~the rating on the~~  
12 ~~evaluation or~~ the nature and gravity of the performance or conduct.

13 B. If the teacher does not correct the poor performance or  
14 conduct cited in the admonition within the time specified, the  
15 administrator ~~shall~~ may make a recommendation to the superintendent  
16 of the school district for the dismissal or nonreemployment of the  
17 teacher.

18 C. Whenever a member of the board of education, superintendent,  
19 or other administrator identifies poor performance or conduct that  
20 may lead to a recommendation for dismissal or nonreemployment of a  
21 teacher within the district, the administrator who has  
22 responsibility for evaluation of the teacher under an evaluation  
23 policy adopted pursuant to Section 6-101.10 of this title shall be  
24 informed, and that administrator shall comply with the procedures



1 set forth in this section. If the administrator fails or refuses to  
2 admonish the teacher within ten (10) days after being so informed by  
3 the board, superintendent, or other administrator, such board,  
4 superintendent, or other administrator shall admonish the teacher  
5 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

6 D. Repeated negligence in performance of duty, willful neglect  
7 of duty, incompetency, instructional ineffectiveness, or  
8 unsatisfactory teaching performance, for a career teacher, or any  
9 cause related to inadequate teaching performance for a probationary  
10 teacher, shall not be a basis for a recommendation to dismiss or not  
11 reemploy a teacher unless and until the provisions of this section  
12 have been complied with.

13 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-190, as  
14 amended by Section 3, Chapter 359, O.S.L. 2022 (70 O.S. Supp. 2022,  
15 Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school  
17 district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in  
18 Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified to teach by  
19 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher  
20 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101  
21 of this title and by other law.

22 B. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person  
23 who:  
24

1        1. Has successfully completed the teacher education program  
2 required by the Commission for Educational Quality and  
3 Accountability;

4        2. Has graduated from an accredited institution of higher  
5 education that has approval or accreditation for teacher education;

6        3. Has met all other requirements as may be established by the  
7 Board;

8        4. Has made the necessary application and paid the competency  
9 examination fee in an amount and as prescribed by the Commission;

10       5. Has successfully completed the competency examination  
11 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

12       6. Beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board a  
13 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State  
14 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history  
15 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
16 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the  
17 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective  
18 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history  
19 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible  
20 for the cost of the criminal history records.

21       C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person  
22 who:

23       1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements  
24 set forth in subsection G of this section;

1        2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional  
2 Teaching Standards;

3        3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the  
4 requirements set forth in subsection F of this section; or

5        4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in  
6 the majority of other states or comparable customized exam and meets  
7 the requirements set forth in subsection H of this section.

8        D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for initial  
9 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current  
10 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
11 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
12 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
13 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue  
14 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of  
15 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person  
16 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the  
17 criminal history records.

18        E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to  
19 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the  
20 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional  
21 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher  
22 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

23        F. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person  
24 who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and meets any

1 requirements established by the Board. The certificate to teach  
2 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most closely  
3 aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-  
4 of-country certificate.

5 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
6 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations  
7 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the  
8 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-country  
9 certificate.

10 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
11 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma  
12 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
13 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
14 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
15 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may  
16 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt  
17 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.  
18 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
19 cost of the criminal history record checks.

20 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by  
21 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for  
22 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this  
23 subsection.

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1       G. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person  
2 who holds a valid out-of-state certificate. The certificate to  
3 teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most  
4 closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on  
5 the out-of-state certificate.

6       2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
7 subsection shall not be required to take any competency examinations  
8 in those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the  
9 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state  
10 certificate.

11       3. A person who meets the requirements of this subsection shall  
12 have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma criminal history  
13 record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well  
14 as a national criminal history record check as defined in Section  
15 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon receipt of the  
16 Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may issue a  
17 temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of the  
18 national fingerprint-based criminal history record check. The  
19 person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost  
20 of the criminal history record checks.

21       H. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person  
22 who has successfully completed a competency exam used in a majority  
23 of the other states. The certificate to teach shall only be for  
24

1 those subject areas and grade levels that correspond with a  
2 certification area used in Oklahoma.

3 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
4 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma  
5 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
6 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as  
7 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon  
8 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may  
9 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt  
10 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.  
11 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
12 cost of the criminal history record checks.

13 I. 1. The Board may establish new levels of teacher  
14 certificates: advanced, lead, and master. Each level shall have a  
15 minimum salary increase requirement paid by the school district and  
16 matched with state dollars from the lottery funds as provided in  
17 Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes. The advanced  
18 certificate shall include a minimum salary increase of Three  
19 Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), the lead certificate shall include a  
20 minimum salary increase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and  
21 the master certificate shall include a minimum salary increase of  
22 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and maximum salary increase of  
23 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00).  
24

1        2. A teacher who works in a school with an enrollment of forty  
2 percent (40%) or more of students who are economically disadvantaged  
3 as defined in Section 18-109.5 of this title or a school district  
4 with an enrollment of fewer than one thousand students shall be paid  
5 a one-time award in addition to the salary increases provided in  
6 paragraph 1 of this subsection:

- 7            a. One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for an  
8                    advanced certificate,
- 9            b. Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for a  
10                   lead certificate, and
- 11           c. Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for a master  
12                   certificate.

13        3. School districts may identify and designate the highest  
14 quality teachers for advanced, lead, and master certificates.  
15 Participating districts shall submit designation plans to the State  
16 Department of Education for evaluation and approval. Districts  
17 shall have local control and flexibility in determining how to  
18 evaluate teachers and assign designations, but, at a minimum, the  
19 designation system shall include ~~a teacher observation, out-of-~~  
20 ~~classroom time, and a student performance component.:~~

- 21           a. ~~Teacher~~ an evidence-based observation ~~shall be based~~  
22                   ~~on the district's selected Teacher and Leader~~  
23                   ~~Effectiveness Evaluation System (TLE) evaluation tool~~  
24                   ~~or an alternate method of evaluation; provided, the~~

1 ~~method is evidenced-based. Alternate methods of~~  
2 ~~evaluation shall not replace the requirements of~~  
3 ~~Section 6-101.16 of this title.~~

- 4 b. ~~Each school district that elects to participate in~~  
5 ~~assigning advanced, lead, and master teacher~~  
6 ~~certificates shall include an out-of-classroom~~  
7 ~~component for its assigned teachers to allow for~~  
8 professional growth opportunities while staying in the  
9 classroom. How out-of-classroom time is allotted and  
10 managed shall be determined by the school district and  
11 submitted as part of its designation plan to the State  
12 Department of Education for review and approval, and  
13 c. ~~Student~~ student performance measures ~~may be~~ determined  
14 by the district ~~and~~ which may include, but shall not  
15 be limited to, pre- and post-tests, summative or  
16 formative, and portfolios. The school district  
17 application shall show evidence of validity and  
18 reliability of the measures.

19 Districts may use additional factors in determining which  
20 teachers are eligible to receive a designation, such as student  
21 surveys, teacher leadership responsibilities, teacher mentorship  
22 responsibilities, family surveys, demonstration of district core  
23 values, teacher peer surveys, and contributions to the broader  
24 school community. No more than ten percent (10%) of each school



1 district's teachers may be designated as an advanced, lead, or  
2 master teacher in any given school year.

3 4. If a school district chooses to participate in this program,  
4 the state shall match the amount the district pays above base pay,  
5 up to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) per teacher.

6 ~~5. School districts that designate teachers for advanced, lead,~~  
7 ~~and master certificates do not have to participate in annual TLE~~  
8 ~~evaluations for the designated teachers.~~

9 ~~6.~~ School districts may designate teachers for advanced, lead,  
10 or master certificates two times per year, once prior to the  
11 beginning of the school year, and once prior to the beginning of the  
12 second semester. Teachers statewide who receive these designations  
13 shall be placed in professional development cohorts and provided  
14 additional training opportunities from the State Department of  
15 Education.

16 ~~7.~~ 6. After initial approval by the State Department of  
17 Education, the Department shall review and validate each  
18 participating school district's ~~teacher evaluation system~~  
19 designation plan biennially.

20 ~~8.~~ 7. The State Department of Education shall annually report  
21 the school districts participating in the program, the number of  
22 advanced, lead, and master certificates awarded, and the total  
23 amount in state match funding that was distributed to teachers.  
24

1 J. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement  
2 a renewal schedule and associated fees for advanced, lead, and  
3 master teaching certificates. The rules shall allow a teacher that  
4 no longer meets the requirements of an advanced, lead, or master  
5 teaching certificate to make application for the standard teaching  
6 certificate.

7 K. The terms of the contracts issued to those holding advanced,  
8 lead, and master teaching certificates shall include the following:

9 1. Advanced: an additional five (5) days to be used to  
10 strengthen instructional leadership. A person with an advanced  
11 teaching certificate shall receive an annual salary increase of at  
12 least Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the district's daily  
13 rate of pay, whichever is higher, in addition to the salary for  
14 which the teacher qualifies pursuant to Section 18-114.14 of this  
15 title. This increase shall be matched by state dollars from the  
16 lottery funds as provided in Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma  
17 Statutes and shall be paid as regular annual compensation directly  
18 to teachers through school districts;

19 2. Lead: an additional ten (10) days to be used to strengthen  
20 instructional leadership. A person with a lead teaching certificate  
21 shall receive an annual salary increase of at least Five Thousand  
22 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever  
23 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies  
24 pursuant to Section 18-114.14 of this title. This increase shall be

1 matched by state dollars from the lottery funds as provided in  
2 Section 713 of Title 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be paid  
3 as regular annual compensation directly to teachers through school  
4 districts; and

5 3. Master: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to  
6 strengthen leadership. A person with a master teaching certificate  
7 shall receive an annual salary increase of at least Ten Thousand  
8 Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever  
9 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies  
10 pursuant to Section 18-114.14 of this title. This increase, up to  
11 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), shall be matched by state  
12 dollars from the lottery funds as provided in Section 713 of Title  
13 3A of the Oklahoma Statutes and shall be paid as regular annual  
14 compensation directly to teachers through school districts.

15 If a person with an advanced, lead, or master teaching  
16 certificate changes school districts during the life of the  
17 certificate, the terms of the contracts required in this subsection  
18 shall be subject to approval by the new employing school district.

19 L. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the Department shall  
20 make the teaching certificates provided for in this section  
21 available for any person who has received a recommendation from his  
22 or her school district and who meets the eligibility criteria as  
23 outlined in each school district's ~~teacher evaluation system~~  
24 designation plan provided for in subsection I of this section.

1 M. The funding necessary for the administration of this section  
2 shall be provided from the Teacher Empowerment Revolving Fund  
3 created in Section ~~2~~ 6-190.2 of this ~~act~~ title. If funding for the  
4 administration of the teaching certificates listed in subsection I  
5 is not available, the Department shall not be required to fulfill  
6 the requirements listed in subsections I, K, and L of this section.

7 N. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
8 implement the provisions of Section 6-180 et seq. of this title.

9 SECTION 13. REPEALER 70 O.S. 2021, Sections 6-101.16 and  
10 6-101.31, are hereby repealed.

11 SECTION 14. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

12 SECTION 15. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2023.

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3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2023.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House  
10 of Representatives