

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1893

By: Standridge

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to students; creating the Teacher Shortage Reduction Act; providing short title; directing school districts to implement certain graduation recognition for students who have met certain criteria; allowing recognition to be indicated on a diploma and transcript; directing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to implement certain designation for students who have met certain criteria and earned certain hours or a degree; allowing designation to be indicated on certain degree and transcript; providing for acceptance by a college of education under certain circumstances; providing for granting of certain credit; providing for promulgation of rules; 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 11-103.6q of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Teacher Shortage Reduction Act".

1 B. Beginning with the 2027-2028 high school graduating class, a  
2 school district shall implement an education endorsement graduation  
3 recognition for students who have:

4 1. Met the curricular requirements set forth in Section 11-  
5 103.6 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes for a standard diploma;

6 2. Identified teaching or another education profession as a  
7 career goal on their individual career and academic plan (ICAP)  
8 created pursuant to Section 1210.508-4 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
9 Statutes; and

10 3. Participated in an apprenticeship, internship, or mentorship  
11 related to teaching or another education profession pursuant to the  
12 Apprenticeships, Internships and Mentorships (AIM) Act of 2016.

13 C. A graduation recognition awarded pursuant to this section  
14 may be indicated on the diploma and the high school transcript of  
15 students who meet the requirements of subsection B of this section.

16 D. 1. Beginning with the 2027-2028 high school graduating  
17 class, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
18 implement an education designation for students who earn an  
19 education endorsement graduation recognition pursuant to the  
20 provisions of subsection B of this section and who graduate with  
21 thirty (30) or more college credit hours or an associate's degree  
22 through concurrent enrollment at an institution of higher education  
23 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education. An education  
24 designation awarded pursuant to this subsection may be indicated on

1 the degree and the institution of higher education transcript of the  
2 students who qualify.

3 2. If a student is awarded an education designation pursuant to  
4 the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection and subsequently  
5 enrolls in an institution of higher education within The Oklahoma  
6 State System of Higher Education to earn a degree in pursuit of a  
7 career in teaching or another education profession, the student  
8 shall be accepted into the institution's college of education. The  
9 institution shall grant credit for field experience the student may  
10 have earned pursuant to paragraph 3 of subsection B of this section.

11 E. The State Board of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents  
12 for Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement the  
13 provisions of this section.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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