

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE
CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 15, 2025

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB840

By: Hicks of the Senate and Moore of the House

Title: Teachers; establishing certain micro-credential. Effective date. Emergency.

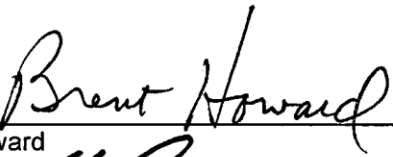

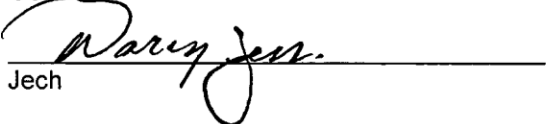
together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

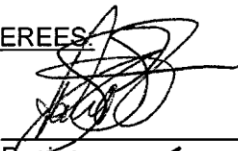
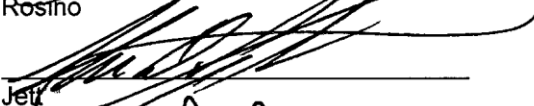
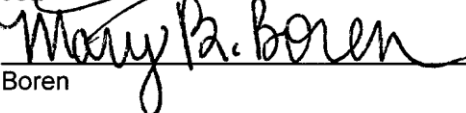
1. That the Senate accept all House Amendments.
2. By restoring the title as follows:

"An Act relating to teachers; directing the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability to promulgate rules establishing certain micro-credential; establishing minimum requirements for micro-credential; authorizing a certified teacher with certain micro-credential to screen students for and identify characteristics of dyslexia; directing certain micro-credential to be reflected on certain certificate; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:


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HOUSE CONFEREES:

General Conference Committee on Appropriations

Senate Action _____ Date _____ House Action _____ Date _____

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 840 By: Hicks of the Senate
3 and
4 Moore of the House
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7 An Act relating to teachers; directing the Commission
8 for Educational Quality and Accountability to
9 promulgate rules establishing certain micro-
10 credential; establishing minimum requirements for
11 micro-credential; authorizing a certified teacher
12 with certain micro-credential to assess students for
13 and diagnose dyslexia; directing certain micro-
14 credential to be reflected on certain certificate;
15 providing for codification; providing an effective
16 date; and declaring an emergency.
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19 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
20 and insert:
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22 "[teachers - Commission for Educational Quality and
23 Accountability - rules - micro-credential -
24 requirements - certified teacher - dyslexia -
certificate - codification - effective date -
emergency]

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7002 of Title 70, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability
5 shall promulgate rules establishing a micro-credential for certified
6 teachers who complete Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)
7 certification or Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI).

8 B. The requirements for a CALT micro-credential or a CERI
9 micro-credential shall include at a minimum:

- 10 1. A master's degree;
- 11 2. Completion of a comprehensive therapy-level training;
- 12 3. Successful passage of a CALT competency examination or CERI
13 competency examination; and
- 14 4. Twenty-eight (28) days of instruction post the passage of
15 the applicable competency examination.

16 C. A certified teacher who earns a CALT micro-credential or a
17 CERI micro-credential shall be authorized to screen students for and
18 identify characteristics of dyslexia.

19 D. A micro-credential awarded pursuant to this section shall be
20 reflected on a teacher's certificate to teach.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

22 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
23 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."

3 Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of April, 2025.

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6 Presiding Officer of the House of
7 Representatives

8 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 840

By: Hicks of the Senate

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4 Moore of the House

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8 promulgate rules establishing certain micro-
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11 with certain micro-credential to assess students for
12 and diagnose dyslexia; directing certain micro-
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
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4. Twenty-eight (28) days of instruction post the passage of the applicable competency examination.

C. A certified teacher who earns a CALT micro-credential or a CERI micro-credential shall be authorized to assess students for and diagnose dyslexia.

D. A micro-credential awarded pursuant to this section shall be reflected on a teacher's certificate to teach.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2025.

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