

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2702
Of the printed Bill
Page Section Lines
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted:

Amendment submitted by: Ross Ford

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2702

6 By: Ford of the House

7 and

8 Rader of the Senate

9 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to special education; defining term;
11 requiring certain qualifications for special
12 education administrators; requiring State Board of
13 Education to issue certain acknowledgement of
14 competency; requiring training cover certain topics;
15 requiring State Board of Education to offer certain
16 options for completing competency requirements;
17 requiring competency exam; exempting certain special
18 education administrators from requirement; providing
19 for codification; providing an effective date; and
20 declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-189.3 of Title 70, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For this section, "special education administrator" means
the director and assistant director of a special education program
for a school district.

1 B. Beginning August 1, 2026, no school district shall employ a
2 special education administrator unless the individual:

3 1. Holds a valid standard teaching certificate issued by the
4 State Board of Education; and

5 2. Except as provided for in subsection D of this section,
6 obtains an acknowledgment of competency as provided for in
7 subsection C within one (1) year of being employed as a special
8 education administrator.

9 C. 1. The State Board of Education shall issue an
10 acknowledgement of competency in the area of special education
11 federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and procedures to a
12 special education administrator. By January 1, 2026, the State
13 Board shall develop two (2) tracks for completing a one-time
14 acknowledgement of competency:

15 a. a micro-credential track for individuals with five (5)
16 or less years of experience previously or currently
17 serving in the role of a special education
18 administrator, and

19 b. a standard track for individuals who are not required
20 to obtain the micro-credential and have six (6) or
21 more years of experience currently serving in the role
22 of a special education administrator.

23 2. The content of the 150-clock hour special education program
24 shall be the same for the standard track and the micro-credential

1 track, except the micro-credential track shall require mastery of
2 competency at or above seventy percent (70%) on coursework and
3 examinations.

4 3. Beginning August 1, 2026, an individual must complete either
5 the standard or micro-credential track within one (1) calendar year
6 from the date of hire.

7 4. At the successful completion of either the standard or
8 micro-credential track, the individual shall receive a certificate
9 of completion which will be maintained as part of the employee's
10 record with the local education agency and stored in the Oklahoma
11 Educator Credentialing System.

12 D. 1. Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection, a
13 special education administrator shall successfully complete the
14 subject area competency examination in either mild-moderate
15 disabilities, severe-profound disabilities, or comprehensive special
16 education as prescribed by the State Department of Education.

17 2. An individual who has a valid Special Education Teaching
18 Certificate as provided for in Sections 6-122.7, 6-122.8, or 6-122.9
19 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or an individual who has a
20 master's degree in school administration, special education, or a
21 related field shall be exempt from the subject area competency
22 examination requirement in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

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

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

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