

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1168

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Hasenbeck of the House

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7 An Act relating to teachers; directing the State  
8 Department of Education in certain coordination to  
9 establish a microcredential program for certain  
10 subject areas; directing the creation of certain  
11 working group to determine how certain  
12 microcredential may be used; allowing courses offered  
13 as part of certain program to be provided in person,  
14 online or in certain blended format; providing for  
15 codification; providing an effective date; and  
16 declaring an emergency.

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

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

23 A. The State Department of Education in coordination with the  
24 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall  
establish a microcredential program for the purpose of permitting  
any teacher candidate or teacher who holds a certificate to teach to  
complete additional coursework and earn microcredentials in science,  
technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) endorsement areas  
including computer science.

1       B. The State Department of Education and the Commission for  
2 Educational Quality and Accountability shall convene a working group  
3 including pertinent education stakeholders to determine how any  
4 microcredential awarded pursuant to any microcredential program  
5 established pursuant to subsection A of this section will be used:

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

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

10       3. To meet the professional development requirements  
11 established in Section 6-194 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12       C. Any course offered through a microcredential program  
13 established pursuant to subsection A of this section may be offered  
14 in person, online or in a blended format of in-person and online  
15 instruction.

16       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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

1 Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 2020.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2020.

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