

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 980

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8 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
9 Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter  
10 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-190),  
11 which relates to qualifications for teacher  
12 employment and certification; modifying reference to  
13 a certificate to teach; directing the State Board of  
14 Education to issue a career teaching certificate to  
15 individuals who meet certain criteria; directing the  
16 Board to issue a lead teaching certificate to  
17 individuals who meet certain criteria; directing the  
18 Board to issue a mentor teaching certificate to  
19 individuals who meet certain criteria; updating  
20 references to certain types of teaching certificates;  
21 requiring contracts for mentor and leading teaching  
22 certificate candidates to include certain items;  
23 directing the State Department of Education to make  
24 certain teaching certificates available beginning in  
certain school year; directing the Department to  
identify certain school districts to implement  
certain teaching certificates on a pilot program  
basis during certain school years; directing the  
Department to seek funding for implementation of  
certain salary supplements; and providing an  
effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as  
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
3 2017, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

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

10 B. 1. The Board shall issue ~~a~~ an initial teaching certificate  
11 ~~to teach~~ to any person who:

12 ~~1. Has~~

13 a. has successfully completed the teacher education  
14 program required by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Commission for  
15 ~~Teacher Preparation;~~ Educational Quality and  
16 Accountability,

17 ~~2. Has~~

18 b. has graduated from an accredited institution of higher  
19 education that has approval or accreditation for  
20 teacher education~~;~~;

21 ~~3. Has~~

22 c. has met all other requirements as may be established  
23 by the Board~~;~~;

24 ~~4. Has~~



1        b. has been awarded career teacher status in accordance  
2        with the requirements of Section 6-101.3 of this  
3        title,

4        c. has demonstrated the competencies of a career teacher  
5        as determined under the comprehensive evaluation of  
6        the initial teacher pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of  
7        this title,

8        d. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the  
9        Board, and

10       e. participates in a meaningful individualized program of  
11       professional development, as provided for in Section  
12       6-101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous  
13       improvement in teaching.

14       3. The Board shall issue a mentor teaching certificate to any

15       person who:

16       a. has successfully completed the requirements listed  
17       under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection,

18       b. has a valid certificate to teach issued by the Board,

19       c. has a minimum of five (5) years of experience as a  
20       classroom teacher,

21       d. participates in a meaningful individualized program of  
22       professional development, as provided for in Section  
23       6-101.10 of this title,

- 1        e. demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching and  
2        possesses the skills and qualifications to assume  
3        leadership roles,
- 4        f. has earned a "highly effective" or "superior" rating  
5        pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this title, and
- 6        g. may have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five  
7        percent (75%) student instruction to allow the teacher  
8        to mentor other teachers.

9        4. The Board shall issue a lead teaching certificate to any

10       person who:

- 11       a. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the  
12       Board,
- 13       b. has a minimum of seven (7) years of experience as a  
14       classroom teacher,
- 15       c. has met requirements listed under paragraphs 1, 2 and  
16       3 of this subsection,
- 17       d. has earned a "superior" rating pursuant to Section 6-  
18       101.16 of this title or has earned a "highly  
19       effective" rating pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this  
20       title and holds an active National Board  
21       certification,
- 22       e. shall assume leadership roles that may include but are  
23       not limited to:

- 1           (1) the planning and delivery of professional  
2           development activities designed to improve  
3           instructional strategies,  
4           (2) the facilitation of an instructional leadership  
5           team within the building, school district or  
6           other school districts in which the lead teacher  
7           is assigned, and  
8           (3) the mentoring of other teachers and participation  
9           in the evaluation of student teachers,

- 10        f. (1) may have a teaching load of not more than fifty  
11        percent (50%) student instruction to allow the  
12        lead teacher to spend time on co-teaching,  
13        (2) co-planning,  
14        (3) peer reviews,  
15        (4) observing career teachers, model teachers and  
16        mentor teachers, and  
17        (5) other duties mutually agreed upon by the  
18        superintendent and the lead teacher, and

- 19        g. may satisfy the qualitative evaluation component for  
20        teachers as required by Section 6-101.16 of this title  
21        by performing the duties set forth in this paragraph.

22        C. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to teach~~  
23 to any person who:  
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1 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements  
2 set forth in subsection F of this section;

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

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

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

10 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~ any  
11 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current  
12 Oklahoma criminal history record 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, the Board may issue  
16 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of  
17 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person  
18 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the  
19 criminal history records.

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

1 F. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~  
2 ~~teach~~ to a person who holds a valid out-of-state certificate or to a  
3 person who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and meets any  
4 requirements established by the Board. The certificate to teach  
5 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels most closely  
6 aligned to the subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-  
7 of-state or out-of-country certificate.

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

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

23 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by  
24 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for



1 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this  
2 subsection.

3 G. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~  
4 ~~teach~~ to a person who has successfully completed a competency exam  
5 used in a majority of the other states. The certificate to teach  
6 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels that  
7 correspond with a certification area used in Oklahoma.

8 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this  
9 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma  
10 criminal history record check 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 check, the Board may  
14 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt  
15 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.  
16 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the  
17 cost of the criminal history record checks.

18 H. The terms of the contracts issued to mentor and lead  
19 teaching certificate candidates shall include the following:

20 1. Mentor: an additional ten (10) days to be used to strengthen  
21 instructional leadership. A mentor teacher shall receive an annual  
22 salary supplement of at least Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) in  
23 addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies pursuant to  
24 Section 18-114.14 of this title.

1       2. Lead: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to  
2 strengthen leadership. A lead teacher shall receive an annual  
3 salary supplement of at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in  
4 addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies pursuant to  
5 Section 18-114.14 of this title.

6       I. The State Department of Education shall make teaching  
7 certificates provided for in this section available to all eligible  
8 certified teachers beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

9       J. For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, the Department  
10 shall identify school districts to implement the teacher  
11 certificates provided for in this section on a pilot program basis  
12 with the assistance of public-private partnerships, funding from  
13 philanthropic organizations or federal grants.

14       K. The Department shall seek funding necessary for  
15 implementation of the salary supplements required by subsection H of  
16 this section.

17       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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