

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 26, 2018

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 980

6 By: Griffin

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

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

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

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

9 ~~1. Has~~

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

14 ~~2. Has~~

15 b. has graduated from an accredited institution of higher
16 education that has approval or accreditation for
17 teacher education~~†~~†

18 ~~3. Has~~

19 c. has met all other requirements as may be established
20 by the Board~~†~~†

21 ~~4. Has~~

22 d. has made the necessary application and paid the
23 competency examination fee in an amount and as
24 prescribed by the Commission~~†~~†

1 ~~5. Has~~

2 e. has successfully completed the competency examination
3 required in Section 6-187 of this title~~7~~, and

4 ~~6. Beginning~~

5 f. beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board
6 a current Oklahoma criminal history record from the
7 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well as a
8 national criminal history record check as defined in
9 Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
10 Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record,
11 the Board may issue a temporary certificate which
12 shall be effective until receipt of the national
13 fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
14 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for
15 the cost of the criminal history records.

16 2. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate to any
17 person who:

18 a. has successfully completed the program as prescribed
19 in Section 6-195 of this title,

20 b. has been awarded career teacher status in accordance
21 with the requirements of Section 6-101.3 of this
22 title,

23 c. has demonstrated the competencies of a career teacher
24 as determined under the comprehensive evaluation of

1 the initial teacher pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of
2 this title,

3 d. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the
4 Board, and

5 e. participates in a meaningful individualized program of
6 professional development, as provided for in Section
7 6-101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous
8 improvement in teaching.

9 3. The Board shall issue a mentor teaching certificate to any
10 person who:

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

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

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

16 d. participates in a meaningful individualized program of
17 professional development, as provided for in Section
18 6-101.10 of this title,

19 e. demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching and
20 possesses the skills and qualifications to assume
21 leadership roles,

22 f. has earned a "highly effective" or "superior" rating
23 pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this title, and

1 g. may have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five
2 percent (75%) student instruction to allow the teacher
3 to mentor other teachers.

4 4. The Board shall issue a lead teaching certificate to any
5 person who:

6 a. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the
7 Board,

8 b has a minimum of seven (7) years of experience as a
9 classroom teacher,

10 c. has met requirements listed under paragraphs 1, 2 and
11 3 of this subsection,

12 d. has earned a "superior" rating pursuant to Section 6-
13 101.16 of this title or has earned a "highly
14 effective" rating pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this
15 title and holds an active National Board
16 certification,

17 e. shall assume leadership roles that may include but are
18 not limited to:

19 (1) the planning and delivery of professional
20 development activities designed to improve
21 instructional strategies,

22 (2) the facilitation of an instructional leadership
23 team within the building, school district or
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1 other school districts in which the lead teacher
2 is assigned, and

3 (3) the mentoring of other teachers and participation
4 in the evaluation of student teachers,

5 f. (1) may have a teaching load of not more than fifty
6 percent (50%) student instruction to allow the
7 lead teacher to spend time on co-teaching,

8 (2) co-planning,

9 (3) peer reviews,

10 (4) observing career teachers, model teachers and
11 mentor teachers, and

12 (5) other duties mutually agreed upon by the
13 superintendent and the lead teacher, and

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

17 C. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to teach~~
18 to any person who:

19 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements
20 set forth in subsection F of this section;

21 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
22 Teaching Standards;

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

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

4 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~ any
5 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current
6 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
7 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
8 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
9 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue
10 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of
11 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
12 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the
13 criminal history records.

14 E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to
15 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the
16 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional
17 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher
18 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

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

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

8 3. 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 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by
19 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for
20 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this
21 subsection.

22 G. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~
23 ~~teach~~ to a person who has successfully completed a competency exam
24 used in a majority of the other states. The certificate to teach

1 shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels that
2 correspond with a certification area used in Oklahoma.

3 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
4 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
5 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
6 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
7 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
8 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
9 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
10 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
11 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
12 cost of the criminal history record checks.

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

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

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

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

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

9 K. The Department shall seek funding necessary for
10 implementation of the salary supplements required by subsection H of
11 this section.

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
14 February 26, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED