

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENTS

TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 980

By: Griffin of the Senate

3 and

4 Baker of the House

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6 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
7 Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
8 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-190),
9 which relates to qualifications for teacher
10 employment and certification; modifying reference to
11 a certificate to teach; directing that certain
12 certificates be considered an initial teaching
13 certificate; directing the State Board of Education
14 to issue a career teaching certificate to individuals
15 who meet certain criteria; directing the Board to
16 issue a lead teaching certificate to individuals who
17 meet certain criteria; directing the Board to issue a
18 mentor teaching certificate to individuals who meet
19 certain criteria; updating references to certain
20 types of teaching certificates; requiring certain
21 persons with out-of-state certificates to have served
22 as a classroom teacher for certain number of years;
23 allowing the Board to establish certain other
24 requirements; requiring contracts for mentor and
leading teaching certificate candidates to include
certain items; directing those seeking certain
certificates to make application to certain board of
education; providing for review of applications;
requiring recommendation to be made within certain
time period; directing the Board to develop certain
application; directing the State Department of
Education to make 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.

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, Lines 6 through 22 1/2, restore the title
2 to read

3 "An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
4 Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
5 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 6-
6 190), which relates to teacher certification;
7 updating name of entity overseeing teacher education
8 program; directing State Board of Education to issue
9 lead teaching certificate; establishing criteria for
10 certificate; requiring Board to issue master
11 teaching certificate; listing criteria for
12 certificate; permitting teachers with master teacher
13 certificate to assume certain leadership roles;
14 providing for reduced teaching load for certain
15 teachers; directing Board to adopt rules for
16 certificate renewal; providing for certification of
17 certain teachers; requiring contracts for lead and
18 master teaching certificate teachers to include
19 certain items; requiring prior year application to
20 the Board for certain certificate; mandating
21 recommendation from local board of education;
22 requiring local board to make certain
23 considerations; prescribing State Department of
24 Education to develop application; establishing
beginning school year for certain teaching
certificates to be available; directing Department
to identify school districts for pilot program
during certain school years; directing Department to
seek funding for administration; exempting certain
requirements if funding is not available; repealing
Sections 1, 2 and 3, Chapter 275, O.S.L. 2016 (70
O.S. Supp. 2017, Sections 6-301, 6-302 and 6-303),
which relate to the Empowering Teachers to Lead Act;
and providing an effective date."

20 AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 2, Section 1, lines 11 and 12, by deleting
21 all of the underlined language and restoring all
of the stricken language

22 AMENDMENT NO. 3. Page 2, Section 1, line 17, by deleting ";" and
23 inserting in lieu thereof ";"
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- 1 AMENDMENT NO. 4. Page 2, Section 1, lines 13, 14, 18, 19 and 21-24,
2 by deleting all of the underlined language and
restoring all of the stricken language
- 3 AMENDMENT NO. 5. Page 3, Section 1, lines 1-9, by deleting all of
4 the underlined language and restoring all of the
stricken language
- 5 AMENDMENT NO. 6. Pages 3-7, Section 1, by deleting all of the
6 underlined language beginning with "2. For" on
line 20 of Page 3 through "paragraph." on line 3
7 of Page 7
- 8 AMENDMENT NO. 7. Page 7, Section 1, line 4, by deleting all of the
9 underlined language and restoring all of the
stricken language
- 10 AMENDMENT NO. 8. Page 7, Section 1, line 15, by deleting all of the
11 underlined language and restoring all of the
stricken language
- 12 AMENDMENT NO. 9. Page 8, Section 1, lines 6-11, by deleting all of
13 the underlined language and restoring all of the
stricken language
- 14 AMENDMENT NO. 10. Page 9, Section 1, lines 10-13, by deleting all of
15 the underlined language and restoring all of the
stricken language
- 16 AMENDMENT NO. 11. Pages 10-11, Section 1, by deleting all of the
17 underlined language beginning with "H. The" on
line 3 of Page 10 through "section." on line 19 on
18 Page 11 and by inserting in lieu thereof the
following:
- 19 "H. The Board shall issue a lead teaching certificate to any
20 person who upon application:
- 21 1. Has successfully completed the requirements of this
22 subsection;
- 23 2. Has a minimum of five (5) years of experience as a teacher;
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1 3. Participates in a meaningful individualized program of
2 professional development, as provided for in Section 6-101.10 of
3 this title;

4 4. Has earned a "highly effective" or "superior" rating
5 pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this title; and

6 5. May have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five
7 percent (75%) student instruction to allow the teacher to mentor
8 other teachers.

9 I. 1. The Board shall issue a master teaching certificate to
10 any person who upon application:

11 a. has successfully completed the requirements of this
12 subsection,

13 b. has a minimum of seven (7) years of experience as a
14 teacher, and

15 c. (1) has earned a "superior" rating pursuant to
16 Section 6-101.16 of this title, or

17 (2) has earned a "highly effective" rating pursuant
18 to Section 6-101.16 of this title and holds or
19 has held a National Board certification from the
20 National Board for Professional Teaching
21 Standards.

22 2. Teachers with a master teaching certificate may assume
23 leadership roles that include but are not limited to:
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- a. the planning and delivery of professional development activities designed to improve instructional strategies,
- b. the facilitation of an instructional leadership team within the building or school district in which the lead teacher is assigned, and
- c. the mentoring of other teachers and participation in evaluations of other teachers.

3. Teachers with a master teaching certificate may have a teaching load of not more than fifty percent (50%) student instruction to allow the lead teacher to spend time on:

- a. co-teaching,
- b. co-planning,
- c. peer reviews, and
- d. other duties mutually agreed upon by the superintendent and the master teacher, and may be used to satisfy the qualitative evaluation component for teachers as required by Section 6-101.16 of this title by performing the duties set forth in this paragraph.

J. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement a renewal schedule and associated fees for lead and master teaching certificates. The rules shall allow a teacher that no longer meets the requirements of a lead or master teaching certificate to make application for the standard teaching certificate.

1 K. The terms of the contracts issued to those holding lead and
2 master teaching certificates shall include the following:

3 1. Lead: an additional ten (10) days to be used to strengthen
4 instructional leadership. A person with a lead teaching certificate
5 shall receive an annual salary supplement of at least Three Thousand
6 Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever
7 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies
8 pursuant to Section 18-114.14 of this title; and

9 2. Master: an additional fifteen (15) days to be used to
10 strengthen leadership. A person with a master teaching certificate
11 shall receive an annual salary supplement of at least Five Thousand
12 Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the district's daily rate of pay, whichever
13 is higher, in addition to the salary for which the teacher qualifies
14 pursuant to Section 18-114.14 of this title.

15 If a person with a lead or master teaching certificate changes
16 school districts during the life of the certificate, the terms of
17 the contracts required in this subsection shall be subject to
18 approval by the new employing school district.

19 L. 1. Any person who is eligible for a lead or master teaching
20 certificate described in this section shall make application for the
21 following school year with the State Board of Education. The
22 application shall include a recommendation from the local board of
23 education and determination that the applicant has met the statutory
24 criteria. In reviewing an application, the local school board of

1 education and the superintendent shall consider the ability of the
2 school district to fulfill the additional requirements described in
3 subsections H and I of this section before making a recommendation
4 to the State Board of Education.

5 2. The State Department of Education shall develop an
6 application to implement the provisions of this subsection and make
7 it available to school districts.

8 M. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, the Department shall
9 make the teaching certificates provided for in this section
10 available for any person who has received a recommendation from
11 their local board of education and who meets the eligibility
12 criteria.

13 N. For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, the Department
14 shall identify school districts to implement the teaching
15 certificates provided for in this section on a pilot program basis
16 with the assistance of public-private partnerships, funding from
17 philanthropic organizations or federal grants.

18 O. The Department shall seek funding necessary for the
19 administration of this section. If funding for the administration
20 of the teaching certificates listed in paragraphs H and I is not
21 available, the Department shall not be required to fulfill the
22 requirements listed in subsections K, L, M and N of the section.

23 P. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
24 implement the provisions of this act.

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to implement certain teaching certificates on a pilot
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the Department to seek funding for implementation of
certain salary supplements; and providing an
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as
3 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.
4 2017, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

13 ~~1. Has~~

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

18 ~~2. Has~~

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

22 ~~3. Has~~

23 c. has met all other requirements as may be established
24 by the Board~~†,~~

1 ~~4. Has~~

2 d. has made the necessary application and paid the
3 competency examination fee in an amount and as
4 prescribed by the Commission~~r, l~~

5 ~~5. Has~~

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

8 ~~6. Beginning~~

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

20 2. For the purposes of this section, an alternative placement
21 teaching certificate issued pursuant to Section 6-122.3 of this
22 title and an emergency teaching certificate issued pursuant to
23 Section 6-187 of this title shall be considered an initial teaching
24 certificate.

1 3. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate to any
2 person who:

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

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

8 c. has demonstrated the competencies of a career teacher
9 as determined under the comprehensive evaluation of
10 the initial teacher pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of
11 this title,

12 d. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the
13 Board, and

14 e. participates in a meaningful individualized program of
15 professional development, as provided for in Section
16 6-101.10 of this title, and demonstrates continuous
17 improvement in teaching.

18 4. The Board shall issue a mentor teaching certificate to any
19 person who:

20 a. has successfully completed the requirements listed
21 under paragraphs 1 and 3 of this subsection,

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

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

- 1 d. participates in a meaningful individualized program of
2 professional development, as provided for in Section
3 6-101.10 of this title,
- 4 e. demonstrates continuous improvement in teaching and
5 possesses the skills and qualifications to assume
6 leadership roles,
- 7 f. has earned a "highly effective" or "superior" rating
8 pursuant to Section 6-101.16 of this title, and
- 9 g. may have a teaching load of not more than seventy-five
10 percent (75%) student instruction to allow the teacher
11 to mentor other teachers.

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

- 14 a. holds a valid certificate to teach issued by the
15 Board,
- 16 b. has a minimum of seven (7) years of experience as a
17 classroom teacher,
- 18 c. has met requirements listed under paragraphs 1, 3 and
19 4 of this subsection,
- 20 d. (1) has earned a "superior" rating pursuant to Section
21 6-101.16 of this title, or
22 (2) has earned a "highly effective" rating pursuant to
23 Section 6-101.16 of this title and has a National
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1 Board certification from the National Board for
2 Professional Teaching Standards, and

3 e. shall assume leadership roles that may include but are
4 not limited to:

5 (1) the planning and delivery of professional
6 development activities designed to improve
7 instructional strategies,

8 (2) the facilitation of an instructional leadership
9 team within the building, school district or
10 other school districts in which the lead teacher
11 is assigned, and

12 (3) the mentoring of other teachers and participation
13 in the evaluation of initial teachers,

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

17 (2) co-planning,

18 (3) peer reviews,

19 (4) observing career teachers, model teachers and
20 mentor teachers, and

21 (5) other duties mutually agreed upon by the
22 superintendent and the lead teacher, and

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

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

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

8 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
9 Teaching Standards;

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

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

15 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for ~~initial~~ any
16 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current
17 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
18 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
19 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
20 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue
21 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of
22 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
23 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the
24 criminal history records.

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

6 F. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~
7 ~~teach~~ to a person who holds a valid out-of-state certificate or to a
8 person who holds a valid out-of-country certificate and ~~meets any~~
9 ~~requirements established by the Board~~ has served as a classroom
10 teacher for three (3) or more years. The Board may establish
11 additional requirements for the certificate as necessary. The
12 certificate to teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade
13 levels most closely aligned to the subject areas and grade levels
14 recognized on the out-of-state or out-of-country certificate.

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

20 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
21 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
22 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
23 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
24 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon

1 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
2 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
3 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
4 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
5 cost of the criminal history record checks.

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

10 G. 1. The Board shall issue a career teaching certificate ~~to~~
11 ~~teach~~ to a person who has successfully completed a competency exam
12 used in a majority of the other states and has served as a classroom
13 teacher for three (3) or more years. The certificate to teach shall
14 only be for those subject areas and grade levels that correspond
15 with a certification area used in Oklahoma.

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

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1 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
2 cost of the criminal history record checks.

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

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

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

15 I. 1. Any person who is eligible for a mentor or lead teaching
16 certificate described in this section shall make application with
17 the employing school district board of education. The board of
18 education and school district superintendent shall review
19 applications to determine if the teaching certificate candidate
20 meets the criteria for the certificate level requested. In
21 reviewing an application, the board of education and the
22 superintendent shall consider the ability of the school district to
23 fulfill the additional requirements described in subsection H of

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1 this section before making a recommendation to the State Board of
2 Education.

3 2. The employing board of education and the superintendent
4 shall provide a recommendation to the State Board of Education
5 within sixty (60) days of receipt of an application.

6 3. The State Board of Education shall develop an application to
7 implement the provisions of this subsection and make it available to
8 school districts.

9 J. The State Department of Education shall make teaching
10 certificates provided for in this section available to all eligible
11 certified teachers beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

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

17 L. The Department shall seek funding necessary for
18 implementation of the salary supplements required by subsection H of
19 this section.

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

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