

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2625

By: Echols of the House

and

David of the Senate

[schools - certification of principals and

superintendents - effective date -

emergency]

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12 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the stricken title, enacting clause
and entire bill and insert

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14 "An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
15 Section 6-189, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
16 287, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6-189),
17 which relates to certification of principals and
18 superintendents; replacing entity tasked with
19 approving certain program in education
administration; updating reference to certain
commission; removing outdated language; clarifying
the right of the State Board of Education to issue
certain emergency or provisional certificates to
principals and superintendents; providing an
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-189, as
23 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2018 (70 O.S. Supp.
24 2018, Section 6-189), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the
2 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher
3 preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for
4 certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in
5 Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of
6 Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by
7 January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and
8 implemented the certification system as required in this act. No
9 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
10 State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the
11 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
12 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
13 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
14 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
15 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

16 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not
17 alternatively certified under subsection D of this section shall
18 include not less than:

- 19 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;
- 20 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
21 by the ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ State Department
22 of Education with an emphasis on curriculum, instruction and
23 building-level leadership skills;

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1 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
2 fixed by the State Board of Education;

3 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination
4 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

5 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience
6 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of
7 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of
8 the United States.

9 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of
10 schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this
11 section shall include not less than:

12 1. Certification as a school principal or completion of the
13 certification requirements for a school principal as set forth in
14 subsection B of this section;

15 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
16 by the ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ State Department
17 of Education with an emphasis on district-level leadership skills,
18 and which shall include the following competencies:

- 19 a. instructional leadership,
20 b. organizational leadership, including education
21 finance, education law, and risk management,
22 c. collaborative and community leadership, and
23 d. ethical leadership, ~~or~~

1 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person
2 who has completed ~~an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation a~~
3 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability approved
4 ~~Master's Degree in Education Administration~~ master's degree in
5 education administration or has completed a program in education
6 administration that included competencies that are substantially
7 equal to those listed in this paragraph, and if the degree or
8 program was completed between the effective date of this act and
9 July 1, 2005;

10 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be
11 fixed by the State Board of Education;

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13 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

14 5. A minimum of two (2) years of administrative experience in
15 public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education
16 or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the
17 United States.

18 D. 1. The standards for alternative certification for
19 superintendents of schools and principals shall include:

- 20 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 21 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a
22 supervisory or administrative capacity,

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1 c. a passing score on the subject area competency
2 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,
3 and

4 d. filing with the director of teacher education at an
5 Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a
6 plan for completing an alternative administrative
7 preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant
8 work experience and coursework may be considered and
9 applied to complete the plan.

10 2. An alternative certificate for superintendent of schools and
11 principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be
12 renewable.

13 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
14 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education
15 shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal,
16 as applicable, to the applicant.

17 ~~4. Any person participating in an alternative certification~~
18 ~~program for superintendent of schools and principals on the~~
19 ~~effective date of this act shall be subject to the program~~
20 ~~requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.~~

21 E. The certification requirements for a superintendent of a
22 technology center school district shall include not less than a
23 standard master's degree, any other professional education
24 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a

1 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative
2 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,
3 in a technology center school district. A person meeting the
4 requirements set forth in subsection C of this section shall be
5 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center
6 school district.

7 F. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career
8 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules for a certification
9 system option specifically for teachers and instructors in the
10 technology center school districts. The teacher preparation system
11 shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall
12 be integrated with competencies of this title, as well as reflect
13 industry-based skills, standards and certifications.

14 G. Certificates issued by the State Board of Education may be
15 revoked by the State Board of Education for willful violation of any
16 rule of the Board or of any federal or state law or other proper
17 cause but only after sufficient hearing has been given before the
18 Board.

19 H. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be used
20 for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

21 I. Nothing in this section shall restrict the right of the
22 State Board of Education to issue an emergency or provisional
23 certificate to a school principal or superintendent of schools for
24 any district.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

6 Passed the Senate the 24th day of April, 2019.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate

10 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
11 2019.

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19 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2019.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
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5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2019.

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