

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 2625

By: Echols of the House

and

David of the Senate

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

[schools - certification of principals and
superintendents - effective date -
emergency]

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

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

Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the
Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher
preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for
certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in
Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of
Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by
January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and

1 implemented the certification system as required in this act. No
2 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
3 State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the
4 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
5 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
6 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
7 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
8 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

9 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not
10 alternatively certified under subsection D of this section shall
11 include not less than:

12 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;

13 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved
14 by the ~~Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation~~ State Department
15 of Education with an emphasis on curriculum, instruction and
16 building-level leadership skills;

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

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

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

1 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of
2 schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this
3 section shall include not less than:

4 1. Certification as a school principal or completion of the
5 certification requirements for a school principal as set forth in
6 subsection B of this section;

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

- 11 a. instructional leadership,
- 12 b. organizational leadership, including education
- 13 finance, education law, and risk management,
- 14 c. collaborative and community leadership, and
- 15 d. ethical leadership, ~~or.~~ .

16 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person
17 who has completed ~~an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation a~~
18 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability approved
19 ~~Master's Degree in Education Administration~~ master's degree in
20 education administration or has completed a program in education
21 administration that included competencies that are substantially
22 equal to those listed in this paragraph, and if the degree or
23 program was completed between the effective date of this act and
24 July 1, 2005;

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 administrative experience in
6 public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education
7 or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the
8 United States.

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

- 11 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 12 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a
13 supervisory or administrative capacity,
- 14 c. a passing score on the subject area competency
15 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,
16 and
- 17 d. filing with the director of teacher education at an
18 Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a
19 plan for completing an alternative administrative
20 preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant
21 work experience and coursework may be considered and
22 applied to complete the plan.

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

4 3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative
5 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education
6 shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal,
7 as applicable, to the applicant.

8 ~~4. Any person participating in an alternative certification~~
9 ~~program for superintendent of schools and principals on the~~
10 ~~effective date of this act shall be subject to the program~~
11 ~~requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.~~

12 E. The certification requirements for a superintendent of a
13 technology center school district shall include not less than a
14 standard master's degree, any other professional education
15 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a
16 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative
17 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,
18 in a technology center school district. A person meeting the
19 requirements set forth in subsection C of this section shall be
20 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center
21 school district.

22 F. The State Board of Education and the State Board of Career
23 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules for a certification
24 system option specifically for teachers and instructors in the

1 technology center school districts. The teacher preparation system
2 shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall
3 be integrated with competencies of this title, as well as reflect
4 industry-based skills, standards and certifications.

5 G. Certificates issued by the State Board of Education may be
6 revoked by the State Board of Education for willful violation of any
7 rule of the Board or of any federal or state law or other proper
8 cause but only after sufficient hearing has been given before the
9 Board.

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

12 I. Nothing in this section shall restrict the right of the
13 State Board of Education to issue an emergency or provisional
14 certificate to a school principal or superintendent of schools for
15 any district.

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

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.

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