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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 2625

By: Echols of the Senate

and

David of the House

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[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

1 January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and
2 implemented the certification system as required in this act. No
3 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the
4 State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the
5 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma
6 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and
7 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,
8 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The
9 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 program was completed between the effective date of this act and
2 July 1, 2005;

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

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

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

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

- 13 a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 14 b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a
15 supervisory or administrative capacity,
- 16 c. a passing score on the subject area competency
17 examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,
18 and
- 19 d. filing with the director of teacher education at an
20 Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a
21 plan for completing an alternative administrative
22 preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant
23 work experience and coursework may be considered and
24 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.~~

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
22 April 2, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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