

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1119

By: Garvin of the Senate

3 and

4 Hilbert of the House

5
6 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 6-122.3, which relates to alternative
8 teaching certificates; removing clock-hour limitation
9 for adjunct teachers; providing for inapplicability
10 of certain definition; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section
11 17-101, which relates to Teachers' Retirement System
12 of Oklahoma definitions; modifying certain
13 definition; updating statutory reference; providing
14 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-122.3, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 6-122.3. A. The State Board of Education shall grant
20 an alternative placement teaching certificate to a person who makes
21 application to the Board and meets the following criteria:

- 22 1. a. holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an
23 institution whose accreditation is recognized by the
24 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has
attained a retention grade point average of not less
than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale, or
b. has successfully completed a terminal degree, such as
a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education,

1 professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree
2 or a master of library science degree, from an
3 institution accredited by a national or regional
4 accrediting agency which is recognized by the
5 Secretary of the United States Department of
6 Education. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
7 Education shall be consulted to verify other terminal
8 degrees, or

9 c. holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an
10 institution whose accreditation is recognized by the
11 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has
12 qualified work experience in a field that corresponds
13 to an area of certification as determined by the State
14 Board of Education, and

15 d. in addition to the requirements of subparagraphs a, b
16 and c of this paragraph, has demonstrated competency
17 or completed a major in a field that corresponds to an
18 area of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary
19 Certificate or a Secondary Certificate as determined
20 by the State Board of Education or a vocational-
21 technical certificate as recommended by the Oklahoma
22 Department of Career and Technology Education;

23 2. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by
24 means of an alternative placement program in not more than three (3)

1 years. The State Board of Education shall determine the subject
2 matter and the number of clock or semester hours required for the
3 professional education component for each person making application
4 for an alternative placement teaching certificate based on the
5 criteria of paragraph 1 of this subsection.

6 The State Board of Education shall establish a core minimum of
7 six (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock hours and a maximum of
8 eighteen (18) semester hours or two hundred seventy (270) clock
9 hours for the professional education component.

10 The requirements set forth in this subsection shall exclude all
11 student teaching requirements pursuant to the provisions of
12 subsection E of this section;

13 3. Has passed the general education and subject area portions
14 of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this
15 title in the area of specialization for which certification is
16 sought; and

17 4. Either presents a document from an accredited public school
18 district in this state offering employment in the area of
19 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that
20 the person enroll in an alternative placement program approved by
21 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek
22 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in
23 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection
24 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the

1 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder
2 of the certificate shall be considered an inductee for the purposes
3 of Section 6-195 of this title.

4 B. An alternative placement teaching certificate shall be
5 renewed for not more than a maximum of three (3) years upon
6 presentation of a document from an accredited public school district
7 in this state offering renewed employment in the same area of
8 specialization and a document from a teacher education institution
9 verifying satisfactory progress in an appropriate alternative
10 placement program.

11 C. Persons enrolled in an alternative placement program shall:

12 1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education
13 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
14 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the
15 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to offer teacher
16 education programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed
17 courses necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of
18 the program, except those persons who hold a certificate;

19 2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an
20 Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard
21 certification requirements within three (3) years; and

22 3. Participate in an induction program as required in Section
23 6-195 of this title and have the same duties and responsibilities as
24 other inductees.

1 D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the
2 requirements for certification and, upon demonstration by an
3 individual of specific competency in the subject area of
4 specialization, may grant a certificate to the individual. The
5 State Board may establish other requirements necessary to grant
6 exceptions.

7 E. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
8 Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability, may grant an
9 exception to the requirement to complete a subject area examination
10 for initial certification in a field which does not require an
11 advanced degree pursuant to this section if the candidate has an
12 advanced degree in a subject that is substantially comparable to the
13 content assessed on a subject area examination. The degree shall be
14 from an institution accredited by a national or regional accrediting
15 agency which is recognized by the Secretary of the U.S. Department
16 of Education. The Commission shall provide the Board with the
17 necessary information to determine comparability.

18 F. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience
19 shall not be required of alternative placement program participants
20 for standard certification.

21 G. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
22 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished
23 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be
24 required to meet standard certification. ~~Adjunct teachers shall be~~

1 ~~limited to two hundred seventy (270) clock hours of classroom~~
2 ~~teaching per semester~~ A person employed as an adjunct teacher
3 pursuant to this subsection who does not hold a valid certificate to
4 teach shall not be considered a teacher as defined by Section 1-116
5 of this title.

6 H. Each teacher education institution shall provide the
7 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation an annual report of
8 information as specified by the Commission regarding participation
9 in the alternative placement programs offered by the institution.

10 I. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall not
11 accredit, renew the accreditation of, or otherwise approve any
12 teacher education program of any institution of higher education in
13 this state that has not implemented alternative placement programs
14 in at least four areas of specialization, including mathematics,
15 science and a foreign language. Each institution shall allow
16 individuals who meet the criteria of subsections A and C of this
17 section to be:

18 1. Admitted to an alternative placement program without further
19 qualification; and

20 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the requirements for
21 standard certification set forth in subsection A of this section
22 during the summer preceding and the summer following the first year
23 of teaching with an alternative placement teaching certificate. Any
24 person seeking standard certification through an alternative

1 placement program shall be permitted to take necessary courses
2 during regular semesters if offered.

3 J. The criteria specified in subsection I of this section can
4 be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more
5 institutions of higher education.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 17-101, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 17-101. The following words and phrases as used in ~~this~~
9 ~~act~~ Section 17-101 et seq. of this title, unless a different meaning
10 is clearly required by the context, shall have the following
11 meanings:

12 (1) "Retirement system" shall mean the Teachers' Retirement
13 System of Oklahoma, as defined in Section 17-102 of this title.

14 (2) "Public school" shall mean a school district, a state
15 college or university, the State Board of Education, the State Board
16 of Career and Technology Education, and any other state educational
17 entity conducted within the state supported wholly or partly by
18 public funds and operating under the authority and supervision of a
19 legally constituted board or agency having authority and
20 responsibility for any function of public education. ~~"Public~~
21 ~~school"~~ Public school shall also mean a tuition free, nonprofit
22 alternative school of choice that provides education, therapeutic
23 counseling, and outreach programs which is aligned with a school
24 district and which receives grant funds from governmental sources.

1 (3) "Classified personnel" shall mean any teacher, principal,
2 superintendent, supervisor, administrator, librarian, certified or
3 registered nurse, college professor, or college president whose
4 salary is paid wholly or in part from public funds. An employee of
5 any state department, board, board of regents, or board of trustees,
6 who is in a supervisory or an administrative position, the function
7 of which is primarily devoted to public education, shall be
8 considered classified personnel under the meaning of ~~this act~~
9 Section 17-101 et seq. of this title, at the discretion of the Board
10 of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System. The term "teacher"
11 shall also include instructors and counselors employed by the
12 Department of Corrections and holding valid teaching certificates
13 issued by the State Department of Education. Provided, that a
14 person employed by the Department of Corrections as an instructor or
15 counselor shall have been actively engaged in the teaching
16 profession for a period of not less than three (3) years prior to
17 employment to be eligible to participate in the ~~Oklahoma~~ Teachers'
18 Retirement System of Oklahoma. The Department of Corrections shall
19 contribute the employer's share to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Teachers' Retirement
20 System of Oklahoma.

21 (4) "Nonclassified optional personnel" shall include persons
22 hired as adjunct teachers pursuant to subsection G of Section 6-
23 122.3 of this title, cooks, janitors, maintenance personnel not in a
24 supervisory capacity, bus drivers, noncertified or nonregistered

1 nurses, noncertified librarians, and clerical employees of the
2 public schools, state colleges, universities, or any state
3 department, board, board of regents, or board of trustees, the
4 functions of which are primarily devoted to public education and
5 whose salaries are paid wholly or in part from public funds.

6 (5) "Employer" shall mean the state and any of its designated
7 agents or agencies with responsibility and authority for public
8 education, such as boards of education of elementary and independent
9 school districts, boards of regents, boards of control, or any other
10 agency of and within the state by which a person may be employed for
11 service in public education. ~~"Employer"~~ Employer shall also mean
12 the board of directors of a tuition free, nonprofit alternative
13 school of choice that provides education, therapeutic counseling,
14 and outreach programs which is aligned with a school district and
15 which receives grant funds from governmental sources.

16 (6) "Member" shall mean any teacher or other employee included
17 in the membership of the system as provided in Section 17-103 of
18 this title.

19 (7) "Board of Trustees" shall mean the board provided for in
20 Section 17-106 of this title to administer the retirement system.

21 (8) "Service" shall mean service as a classified or
22 nonclassified optional employee in the public school system, or any
23 other service devoted primarily to public education in the state.

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1 (9) "Prior service" shall mean service rendered prior to July
2 1, 1943.

3 (10) "Membership service" shall mean service as a member of the
4 classified or nonclassified personnel as defined in paragraphs (3)
5 and (4) of this section.

6 (11) "Creditable service" shall mean membership service plus
7 any prior service authorized under this title.

8 (12) "Annuitant" shall mean any person in receipt of a
9 retirement allowance as provided in this title.

10 (13) "Accumulated contributions" shall mean the sum of all
11 amounts deducted from the compensation of a member and credited to
12 his individual account in the ~~Teacher~~ Teachers' Savings Fund,
13 together with interest as of June 30, 1968.

14 (14) "Earnable compensation" shall mean the full rate of the
15 compensation that would be payable to a member if he worked the full
16 normal working time.

17 (15) "Average salary":

18 (a) for those members who joined the System prior to July
19 1, 1992, shall mean the average of the salaries for
20 the three (3) years on which the highest contributions
21 to the Teachers' Retirement System was paid not to
22 exceed the maximum contribution level specified in
23 Section 17-116.2 of this title or the maximum
24 compensation level specified in subsection (28) of

1 this section. Provided, no member shall retire with
2 an average salary in excess of Twenty-five Thousand
3 Dollars (\$25,000.00) unless the member has made the
4 required election and paid the required contributions
5 on such salary in excess of Twenty-five Thousand
6 Dollars (\$25,000.00), or unless an eligible member
7 fulfills the requirements of Section 17-116.2C of this
8 title in order to have pre-cap removal service
9 included in the retirement benefit computation of the
10 member using the regular annual compensation of the
11 member for any pre-cap removal year of service so
12 included subject to the maximum average salary amount,
13 and

14 (b) for those members who join the System after June 30,
15 1992, shall mean the average of the salaries for five
16 (5) consecutive years on which the highest
17 contribution to the Teachers' Retirement System was
18 paid. Only salary on which required contributions
19 have been made may be used in computing average
20 salary.

21 (16) "Annuity" shall mean payments for life derived from the
22 "accumulated contributions" of a member. All annuities shall be
23 payable in equal monthly installments.

1 (17) "Pension" shall mean payments for life derived from money
2 provided by the employer. All pensions shall be payable in equal
3 monthly installments.

4 (18) "Monthly retirement allowance" is one-twelfth (1/12) of
5 the annual retirement allowance which shall be payable monthly.

6 (19) "Retirement Benefit Fund" shall mean the fund from which
7 all retirement benefits shall be paid based on such mortality tables
8 as shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

9 (20) "Actuary" shall mean a person especially skilled through
10 training and experience in financial calculation respecting the
11 expectancy and duration of life.

12 (21) "Actuarial equivalent" shall mean a benefit of equal value
13 when computed upon the basis of such mortality and other tables as
14 shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

15 (22) The masculine pronoun, whenever used, shall include the
16 feminine.

17 (23) "Actuarially determined cost" shall mean the single sum
18 which is actuarially equivalent in value to a specified pension
19 amount as determined on the basis of mortality and interest
20 assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees.

21 (24) "Normal retirement age" means the earliest date upon
22 which:

23 (a) a member reaches the age sixty-two (62) with respect
24 to a member whose first creditable service occurs

1 prior to November 1, 2011, unless the member reaches a
2 normal retirement date pursuant to subparagraph (c) or
3 subparagraph (d) of this paragraph, ~~or~~

4 (b) a member reaches the age of sixty-five (65) with
5 respect to a member whose first creditable service
6 occurs on or after November 1, 2011, or with respect
7 to a member whose first creditable service occurs on
8 or after November 1, 2011, reaches a normal retirement
9 date pursuant to subparagraph (d) of this paragraph
10 having attained a minimum age of sixty (60) years, ~~or~~

11 (c) the age at which the sum of a member's age and number
12 of years of creditable service total eighty (80), with
13 respect to a member whose first creditable service
14 occurred prior to July 1, 1992, and who does not reach
15 a normal retirement age pursuant to subparagraph (a)
16 of this paragraph, or

17 (d) the age at which the sum of a member's age and number
18 of years of creditable service total ninety (90), with
19 respect to a member whose first creditable service
20 occurred on or after July 1, 1992, but prior to
21 November 1, 2011, if the member does not reach a
22 normal retirement age pursuant to subparagraph (a) of
23 this paragraph.
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1 (25) "Regular annual compensation" means salary plus fringe
2 benefits, excluding the flexible benefit allowance pursuant to
3 Section 26-105 of this title and for purposes pursuant to Section
4 17-101 et seq. of this title. For purposes of this definition,
5 regular annual compensation shall include:

6 (a) salary which accrues on a regular basis in proportion
7 to the service performed, including payments for staff
8 development,

9 (b) amounts that would otherwise qualify as salary under
10 paragraph (a) of this subsection but are not received
11 directly by the member pursuant to a good faith,
12 voluntary written salary reduction agreement in order
13 to finance payments to a deferred compensation or tax-
14 sheltered annuity program or to finance benefit
15 options under a cafeteria plan qualifying under the
16 United States Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C.,
17 Section 101 et seq.,

18 (c) group health and disability insurance, group term life
19 insurance, annuities, and pension plans, provided on a
20 periodic basis to all qualified employees of the
21 employer, which qualify as fringe benefits under the
22 United States Internal Revenue Code, and

23 (d) excluded from regular annual compensation are:

24 1. expense reimbursement payments,

2. office, vehicle, housing, or other maintenance allowances,
3. the flexible benefit allowance provided pursuant to Section 26-105 of this title,
4. payment for unused vacation and sick leave,
5. any payment made for reason of termination or retirement not specifically provided for in subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this subsection,
6. maintenance or other nonmonetary compensation,
7. payment received as an independent contractor or consultant, pursuant to a lawful contract which complies with the requirements of subsection B of Section 6-101.2 of this title,
8. any benefit payments not made pursuant to a valid employment agreement,
9. compensation for clinical related activity performed in the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) Professional Practice Plan or Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) Professional Practice Plan, and
10. any other compensation not described in subparagraphs (a) through (c) of this subsection.

1 (26) "Teacher" means classified personnel and nonclassified
2 optional personnel.

3 (27) "Active classroom teacher" means a person employed by a
4 school district to teach students specifically identified classes
5 for specifically identified subjects during the course of a
6 semester, and who holds a valid certificate or license issued by and
7 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of
8 Education.

9 (28) "Maximum compensation level" shall, except as otherwise
10 authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 17-116.2C of this
11 title, mean:

12 (a) Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for
13 creditable service authorized and performed prior to
14 July 1, 1995, for members not electing a higher
15 maximum compensation level,

16 (b) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for creditable
17 service authorized and performed prior to July 1,
18 1995, for members electing a maximum compensation
19 level in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
20 (\$25,000.00),

21 (c) Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
22 (\$27,500.00) for members who, as of June 30, 1995, had
23 elected to have a maximum compensation level not in
24 excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00),

1 and who were employed by an entity or institution
2 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
3 for creditable service authorized and performed on or
4 after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,
5 if such member does not elect a higher maximum
6 compensation level for this period as authorized by
7 Section 17-116.2A of this title,

8 (d) Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00)
9 for members employed by a comprehensive university if
10 the member meets the requirements imposed by Section
11 17-116.2A of this title and the member elects to
12 impose a higher maximum compensation level for service
13 performed on or after July 1, 1995, but not later than
14 June 30, 1996,

15 (e) Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00) for members
16 who, as of June 30, 1995, had elected to have a
17 maximum compensation level in excess of Twenty-five
18 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), and who were employed
19 by an entity or institution within The Oklahoma State
20 System of Higher Education for creditable service
21 authorized and performed on or after July 1, 1995, but
22 not later than June 30, 1996, if such member does not
23 elect a higher maximum compensation level for this
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1 period as authorized by Section 17-116.2A of this
2 title,

3 (f) Forty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) for members
4 employed by a comprehensive university if the member
5 meets the requirements imposed by Section 17-116.2A of
6 this title and the member elects to impose a higher
7 maximum compensation level for service performed on or
8 after July 1, 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,

9 (g) the following amounts for creditable service
10 authorized and performed by members employed by a
11 comprehensive university, based upon the election of
12 the member in effect as of June 30, 1995:

13 1. for members who elected a maximum compensation
14 level not in excess of Twenty-five Thousand
15 Dollars (\$25,000.00):

16 (i) Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
17 (\$32,500.00) for service authorized and
18 performed on or after July 1, 1996, but not
19 later than June 30, 1997,

20 (ii) Thirty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
21 (\$37,500.00) for service authorized and
22 performed on or after July 1, 1997, but not
23 later than June 30, 1998,
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- 1 (iii) Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
2 (\$42,500.00) for service authorized and
3 performed on or after July 1, 1998, but not
4 later than June 30, 2000,
- 5 (iv) Forty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
6 (\$47,500.00) for service authorized and
7 performed on or after July 1, 2000, but not
8 later than June 30, 2001,
- 9 (v) Fifty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
10 (\$52,500.00) for service authorized and
11 performed on or after July 1, 2001, but not
12 later than June 30, 2002,
- 13 (vi) Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
14 (\$57,500.00) for service authorized and
15 performed on or after July 1, 2002, but not
16 later than June 30, 2003,
- 17 (vii) Sixty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
18 (\$62,500.00) for service authorized and
19 performed on or after July 1, 2003, but not
20 later than June 30, 2004,
- 21 (viii) Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
22 (\$67,500.00) for service authorized and
23 performed on or after July 1, 2004, but not
24 later than June 30, 2005,

1 (ix) Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
2 (\$72,500.00) for service authorized and
3 performed on or after July 1, 2005, but not
4 later than June 30, 2006,

5 (x) Seventy-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
6 (\$77,500.00) for service authorized and
7 performed on or after July 1, 2006, but not
8 later than June 30, 2007, and

9 (xi) the full amount of regular annual
10 compensation for service authorized and
11 performed on or after July 1, 2007, and

12 2. for members who elected a maximum compensation
13 level in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
14 (\$25,000.00):

15 (i) Forty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) for
16 service authorized and performed on or after
17 July 1, 1996, but not later than June 30,
18 1997,

19 (ii) Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) for
20 service authorized and performed on or after
21 July 1, 1997, but not later than June 30,
22 1998,

23 (iii) Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$59,000.00) for
24 service authorized and performed on or after

1 July 1, 1998, but not later than June 30,
2 2000,

3 (iv) Sixty-four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000.00) for
4 service authorized and performed on or after
5 July 1, 2000, but not later than June 30,
6 2001,

7 (v) Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000.00) for
8 service authorized and performed on or after
9 July 1, 2001, but not later than June 30,
10 2002,

11 (vi) Seventy-four Thousand Dollars (\$74,000.00)
12 for service authorized and performed on or
13 after July 1, 2002, but not later than June
14 30, 2003,

15 (vii) Seventy-nine Thousand Dollars (\$79,000.00)
16 for service authorized and performed on or
17 after July 1, 2003, but not later than June
18 30, 2004,

19 (viii) Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00)
20 for service authorized and performed on or
21 after July 1, 2004, but not later than June
22 30, 2005,

23 (ix) Eighty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000.00)
24 for service authorized and performed on or

1 after July 1, 2005, but not later than June
2 30, 2006,

3 (x) Ninety-four Thousand Dollars (\$94,000.00)
4 for service authorized and performed on or
5 after July 1, 2006, but not later than June
6 30, 2007, and

7 (xi) the full amount of regular annual
8 compensation for service authorized and
9 performed on or after July 1, 2007, and

10 (h) the full amount of regular annual compensation of:

- 11 1. a member of the retirement system not employed by
12 an entity or institution within The Oklahoma
13 State System of Higher Education for all
14 creditable service authorized and performed on or
15 after July 1, 1995,
- 16 2. a member of the retirement system first employed
17 on or after July 1, 1995, by an entity or
18 institution within The Oklahoma State System of
19 Higher Education for all creditable service
20 authorized and performed on or after July 1,
21 1995, but not later than June 30, 1996,
- 22 3. a member of the retirement system employed by an
23 entity or institution within The Oklahoma State
24 System of Higher Education, other than a

1 comprehensive university, if the member elects to
2 impose a higher maximum compensation level for
3 service performed on or after July 1, 1995, but
4 not later than June 30, 1996, pursuant to
5 subsection B of Section 17-116.2A of this title,

6 4. a member of the retirement system who is first
7 employed on or after July 1, 1996, by any entity
8 or institution within The Oklahoma State System
9 of Higher Education, including a comprehensive
10 university, for creditable service authorized and
11 performed on or after July 1, 1996,

12 5. a member of the retirement system who, as of July
13 1, 1996, is subject to a maximum compensation
14 level pursuant to paragraph (g) of this
15 subsection if the member terminates service with
16 a comprehensive university and is subsequently
17 reemployed by a comprehensive university,

18 6. a member of the retirement system employed by a
19 comprehensive university for all service
20 performed on and after July 1, 2007, or

21 7. an eligible member of the retirement system who
22 fulfills the requirements of Section ~~2 of this~~
23 ~~act~~ Section 17-116.2C of this title with respect
24 to pre-cap removal service included in the

1 retirement benefit computation of the member at
2 the average salary of the member subject to the
3 maximum average salary amount.

4 (29) "Comprehensive university" shall mean:

5 (a) the University of Oklahoma and all of its constituent
6 agencies, including the University of Oklahoma Health
7 Sciences Center, the University of Oklahoma Law
8 Center, and the Geological Survey, and

9 (b) Oklahoma State University and all of its constituent
10 agencies, including the Oklahoma State University
11 Agricultural Experiment Station, the Oklahoma State
12 University Agricultural Extension Division, the
13 Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary
14 Medicine, the Oklahoma State University Center for
15 Health Sciences, the Technical Branch at Oklahoma
16 City, the Oklahoma State University Institute of
17 Technology-Okmulgee, and Oklahoma State University-
18 Tulsa.

19 (30) "Retirement contract" means the document prepared by the
20 Teachers' Retirement System upon member request, which incorporates
21 member's selected retirement option, and which must be executed and
22 submitted to the Teachers' Retirement System no less than thirty
23 (30) days prior to the projected retirement date.

24 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

5 Passed the Senate the 23rd day of March, 2022.

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8 Presiding Officer of the Senate

9 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
10 2022.

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