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BILL NO. 2748   By: Baker and Fugate of the
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8 | An Act relating to schools; creating an early
          childhood or elementary education alternative teacher
9 | certification; requiring candidate hold certain
          degree; requiring certain training and education
10 | hours within certain period; providing for
          codification; and providing an effective date.
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13 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 | SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law to be codified

15 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.10 of Title 70, unless

16 | there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 | Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the State Board

18 | of Education shall issue a one-year alternative teacher certificate,

19 | renewable for up to three (3) years, to teach early childhood

20 | education or elementary education to any qualified candidate who:

21 | 1.   a.   Has successfully completed a terminal degree, such as

22 | a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education,

23 | professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree

24 | or a master of library science degree, from an

1   institution accredited by a national or regional

2   accrediting agency which is recognized by the

3   Secretary of the United States Department of

4   Education. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher

5   Education shall be consulted to verify other terminal

6   degrees, or

7   b.   Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an

8   institution whose accreditation is recognized by the

9   Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has

10   two (2) years postdegree-completion qualified work

11   experience in a field that corresponds to early

12   childhood education or elementary education; and

13   2. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by

14 means of the early childhood and elementary education alternative

15 certification program in not more than three (3) years and has:

16   a.   within the first year satisfactorily completed six (6)

17   credit hours in classroom management and reading

18   instruction from an educator preparation program

19   approved and accredited by the Commission for

20   Educational Quality and Accountability, completed the

21   required State Department of Education approved

22   training on cognitive science of how students learn to

23   read and participated in a yearlong mentorship or

24   instructional coaching in reading and classroom

1   management provided by the employing school district

2   prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate

3   for a second year,

4   b. within the second year satisfactorily completed six

5   (6) credit hours in child development and math

6   instruction from an educator preparation program

7   approved and accredited by the Commission for

8   Educational Quality and Accountability, participated

9   in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or

10   instructional coaching in child development and math

11   instruction provided by the employing school district

12   prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate

13   for a third year, and successfully completed the

14   general education and subject area portions of the

15   competency examination required in Section 6-187 of

16   Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of

17   specialization for which certification is sought, and

18   c. within the third year satisfactorily completed six (6)

19   additional credit hours of professional education

20   coursework from an educator preparation program

21   approved and accredited by the Commission for

22   Educational Quality and Accountability, participated

23   in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or

24   instructional coaching provided by the employing

1   school district, and successfully passed the

2   professional knowledge portions of the competency

3   examination required in Section 6-187 of Title 70 of

4   the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of specialization

5   for which certification is sought.

6   SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

7   Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of February,
2021.

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                                    Presiding Officer of the House
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12   Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2021.

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