

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 1, 2022

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1119

By: Garvin of the Senate

and

Hilbert of the House

7 **[teachers - alternative teaching certificates -**
8 **effective date -**
9 **emergency]**

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

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

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

- 16 1. a. holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an
17 institution whose accreditation is recognized by the
18 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has
19 attained a retention grade point average of not less
20 than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale, or
21 b. 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 c. 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 qualified work experience in a field that corresponds
11 to an area of certification as determined by the State
12 Board of Education, and

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

21 2. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by
22 means of an alternative placement program in not more than three (3)
23 years. The State Board of Education shall determine the subject
24 matter and the number of clock or semester hours required for the

1 professional education component for each person making application
2 for an alternative placement teaching certificate based on the
3 criteria of paragraph 1 of this subsection.

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

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

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

15 4. Either presents a document from an accredited public school
16 district in this state offering employment in the area of
17 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that
18 the person enroll in an alternative placement program approved by
19 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek
20 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in
21 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection
22 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the
23 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder
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1 of the certificate shall be considered an inductee for the purposes
2 of Section 6-195 of this title.

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

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

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

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

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

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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.~~

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

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

15 1. Admitted to an alternative placement program without further
16 qualification; and

17 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the requirements for
18 standard certification set forth in subsection A of this section
19 during the summer preceding and the summer following the first year
20 of teaching with an alternative placement teaching certificate. Any
21 person seeking standard certification through an alternative
22 placement program shall be permitted to take necessary courses
23 during regular semesters if offered.

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

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
10 March 1, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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