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6   AS INTRODUCED

7   An Act relating to schools; creating an early
         childhood or elementary education alternative teacher
8   certification; requiring candidate hold certain
         degree; requiring certain training and education
9   hours within certain period; providing for
         codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

16   Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the State Board

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

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

19 education or elementary education to any qualified candidate who:

20   1.   a.   Has successfully completed a terminal degree, such as

21   a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education,

22   professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree

23   or a master of library science degree, from an

24   institution accredited by a national or regional

1   accrediting agency which is recognized by the

2   Secretary of the United States Department of

3   Education. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher

4   Education shall be consulted to verify other terminal

5   degrees, or

6   b.   Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an

7   institution whose accreditation is recognized by the

8   Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has

9   two (2) years postdegree-completion qualified work

10   experience in a field that corresponds to early

11   childhood education or elementary education; and

12   2.   Declares the intention to earn standard certification by

13 means of the early childhood and elementary education alternative

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

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

16   credit hours in classroom management and reading

17   instruction from an educator preparation program

18   approved and accredited by the Commission for

19   Educational Quality and Accountability, completed the

20   required State Department of Education approved

21   training on cognitive science of how students learn to

22   read and participated in a yearlong mentorship or

23   instructional coaching in reading and classroom

24   management provided by the employing school district

1		prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate
2		for a second year,
3	b.	within the second year satisfactorily completed six
4		(6) credit hours in child development and math
5		instruction from an educator preparation program
6		approved and accredited by the Commission for
7		Educational Quality and Accountability, participated
8		in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or
9		instructional coaching in child development and math
10		instruction provided by the employing school district
11		prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate
12		for a third year, and successfully completed the
13		general education and subject area portions of the
14		competency examination required in Section 6-187 of
15		Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of
16		specialization for which certification is sought, and
17	c.	within the third year satisfactorily completed six (6)
18		additional credit hours of professional education
19		coursework from an educator preparation program
20		approved and accredited by the Commission for
21		Educational Quality and Accountability, participated
22		in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or
23		instructional coaching provided by the employing
24		school district, and successfully passed the

1   professional knowledge portions of the competency

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

3   the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of specialization

4   for which certification is sought.

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

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