

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 28, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 332

By: Dossett

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6 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
7 Section 6-101.3, which relates to definitions for  
8 teachers; modifying certain definition; providing an  
9 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101.3, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 6-101.3. As used in Section 6-101 et seq. of this  
14 title:

15 1. "Administrator" means a duly certified person who devotes a  
16 majority of time to service as a superintendent, elementary  
17 superintendent, principal, supervisor, vice principal, or in any  
18 other administrative or supervisory capacity in the school district;

19 2. "Dismissal" means the discontinuance of the teaching service  
20 of an administrator or teacher during the term of a written  
21 contract, as provided by law;

22 3. "Nonreemployment" means the nonrenewal of the contract of an  
23 administrator or teacher upon expiration of the contract;

24 4. "Career teacher" means a teacher who:

1 a. is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-  
2 2018 school year and has completed three (3) or more  
3 consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one  
4 school district under a written continuing or  
5 temporary teaching contract, or

6 b. is employed for the first time by a school district  
7 under a written continuing or temporary teaching  
8 contract during the 2017-2018 school year and  
9 thereafter and:

10 (1) has completed three (3) consecutive complete  
11 school years as a teacher in one or more school  
12 ~~district~~ districts under a written continuing or  
13 temporary teaching contract and has achieved a  
14 district evaluation rating of "superior" as  
15 measured pursuant to the TLE as set forth in  
16 Section 6-101.16 of this title for at least two  
17 (2) of the three (3) school years,

18 (2) has completed four (4) consecutive complete  
19 school years as a teacher in one or more school  
20 ~~district~~ districts under a written continuing or  
21 temporary teaching contract, has averaged a  
22 district evaluation rating of at least  
23 "effective" as measured pursuant to the TLE for  
24 the four-year period, and has received district

1 evaluation ratings of at least "effective" for  
2 the last two (2) years of the four-year period,  
3 or

4 (3) has completed four (4) or more consecutive  
5 complete school years in one or more school  
6 ~~district~~ districts under a written continuing or  
7 temporary teaching contract and has not met the  
8 requirements of subparagraph a or b of this  
9 paragraph, only if the principal of the school at  
10 which the teacher is employed submits a petition  
11 to the superintendent of the school district  
12 requesting that the teacher be granted career  
13 status, the superintendent agrees with the  
14 petition, and the school district board of  
15 education approves the petition. The principal  
16 shall specify in the petition the underlying  
17 facts supporting the granting of career status to  
18 the teacher;

19 5. "Teacher hearing" means the hearing before a school district  
20 board of education after a recommendation for dismissal or  
21 nonreemployment of a teacher has been made but before any final  
22 action is taken on the recommendation, held for the purpose of  
23 affording the teacher all rights guaranteed by the United States  
24 Constitution and the Constitution of Oklahoma under circumstances

1 and for enabling the board to determine whether to approve or  
2 disapprove the recommendation;

3 6. "Probationary teacher" means a teacher who:

4 a. is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-  
5 2018 school year and has completed fewer than three  
6 (3) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in  
7 one school district under a written teaching contract,  
8 or

9 b. is employed for the first time by a school district  
10 under a written teaching contract during the 2017-2018  
11 school year and thereafter and has not met the  
12 requirements for career teacher as provided in  
13 paragraph 4 of this section;

14 7. "Suspension" or "suspended" means the temporary  
15 discontinuance of the services of an administrator or teacher, as  
16 provided by law;

17 8. "Teacher" means a person defined as a teacher in Section 1-  
18 116 of this title; and

19 9. "District evaluation rating" means the rating issued based  
20 on the components of the TLE as set forth in subsection B of Section  
21 6-101.16 of this title.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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