

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2702 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Of the printed Bill  
 Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Ross Ford

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2702

By: Ford

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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to special education; defining term;  
10 requiring certain qualifications for special  
11 education administrators; requiring State Board of  
12 Education to issue certain acknowledgement of  
13 competency; requiring training cover certain topics;  
14 requiring competency exam; exempting certain special  
15 education administrators from requirement; providing  
16 for codification; providing an effective date; and  
17 declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-189.3 of Title 70, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. For this section, "special education administrator" means  
23 the director and assistant director of a special education program  
24 for a school district.

B. Beginning July 1, 2025, no school district shall employ a  
special education administrator unless the individual:

1 1. Holds a valid standard teaching certificate issued by the  
2 State Board of Education; and

3 2. Except as provided for in subsection D of this section,  
4 obtains an acknowledgment of competency within one (1) year of being  
5 employed as a special education administrator.

6 C. The State Board of Education shall issue an acknowledgement  
7 of competency in the area of mild-moderate disabilities, severe-  
8 profound disabilities, or comprehensive special education to a  
9 special education administrator who has:

10 1. Satisfactorily completed a one-hundred-fifty-clock-hour  
11 special education program prescribed by the State Board of Education  
12 which shall include training on the rules and regulations for the  
13 Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA); and

14 2. Achieved at least a seventy percent (70%) on a competency  
15 examination in the area of mild-moderate disabilities, severe-  
16 profound disabilities, or comprehensive special education  
17 administered by the State Department of Education.

18 D. An individual who has a valid Special Education Teaching  
19 Certificate as provided for in Sections 6-122.7, 6-122.8, or 6-122.9  
20 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be required to obtain  
21 an acknowledgement of competency.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

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.

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