

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 5, 2025

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 186

5 By: Mann

6 [teachers - grant program - applications - fund -
7 expenditures - codification - effective date -
8 emergency]

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

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.13 of Title 70, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The Office of Educational Quality and Accountability shall
15 establish a grant program to provide individuals issued emergency or
16 provisional certificates to teach pursuant to subsection G of
17 Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes with grants to
18 assist them in obtaining alternative placement teaching
19 certificates, as provided for in Section 6-122.3 of Title 70 of the
20 Oklahoma Statutes.

21 B. Applications for grants shall be submitted by the employing
22 school district of the individual issued an emergency or provisional
23 certificate to teach on a form prescribed by the Office of
24 Educational Quality and Accountability.

1 C. Subject to the availability of funds, grants shall be
2 awarded annually to up to one thousand individuals with emergency or
3 provisional teaching certificates on a first-come, first-served
4 basis. Grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be used for:

5 1. Preparation associated with the subject area portion of the
6 competency examination required by Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the
7 Oklahoma Statutes;

8 2. Fees for the subject area portion of the competency
9 examination required by Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
10 Statutes; and

11 3. A portion of the professional education semester hours or
12 clock hours required by Section 6-122.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes.

14 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.14 of Title 70, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
18 for the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability to be
19 designated the "Teacher Certification Emergency to Permanency
20 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
21 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
22 by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability from state
23 appropriations provided for the purpose of implementing the grant
24 program created in Section 1 of this act. All monies accruing to

1 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
2 and expended by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability
3 for the purpose provided for in this section. Expenditures from the
4 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
5 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
6 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
7 payment.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

9 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
14 March 5, 2025 - DO PASS
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