

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 186

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to teachers; directing the Office of
8 Educational Quality and Accountability to establish a
9 grant program to provide certain individuals grants
10 to assist them in obtaining alternative placement
11 teaching certificates; providing for applications to
12 be submitted by certain school districts on certain
13 form; directing grants to be awarded annually up to
14 certain number of individuals on certain basis,
15 subject to availability of funding; providing for use
16 of grants; creating the Teacher Certification
17 Emergency to Permanency Revolving Fund; specifying
18 source of fund; providing for expenditures; providing
19 purpose of fund; providing for codification;
20 providing an effective date; and declaring an
21 emergency.

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

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

26 A. The Office of Educational Quality and Accountability shall
27 establish a grant program to provide individuals issued emergency or
28 provisional certificates to teach pursuant to subsection G of
29 Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes with grants to
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1 assist them in obtaining alternative placement teaching
2 certificates, as provided for in Section 6-122.3 of Title 70 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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

15 2. Fees for the subject area portion of the competency
16 examination required by Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
17 Statutes; and

18 3. A portion of the professional education semester hours or
19 clock hours required by Section 6-122.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
20 Statutes.

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.14 of Title 70, unless
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
2 for the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability to be
3 designated the "Teacher Certification Emergency to Permanency
4 Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
5 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
6 by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability from state
7 appropriations provided for the purpose of implementing the grant
8 program created in Section 1 of this act. All monies accruing to
9 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
10 and expended by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability
11 for the purpose provided for in this section. Expenditures from the
12 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
13 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
14 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
15 payment.

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

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

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