

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1836

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to teacher certification; requiring  
8 the State Department of Education to code teacher  
9 certification and renewal applications; establishing  
10 a Data Governance Council; prescribing duties of  
11 council; providing for membership of council;  
12 establishing deadlines for initial appointment and  
13 meeting of council; prescribing frequency of  
14 meetings; setting meeting quorum requirement;  
15 providing staffing and support for council;  
16 prohibiting compensation for members of council;  
17 subjecting council to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act  
18 and Oklahoma Open Records Act; providing exemption  
19 from dual-office-holding prohibitions; providing for  
20 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-188.1 of Title 70, unless  
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Department of Education shall develop a system to code  
teacher certification and renewal applications in order to report  
data on the pathways for teacher certification, including emergency  
certification.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-188.2 of Title 70, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created the Data Governance Council.

5 B. The Council shall:

6 1. Monitor and evaluate the impact of each teacher  
7 certification pathway, including emergency certification, as  
8 reported by the Department of Education pursuant to Section 1 of  
9 this act, on education outcomes in the state;

10 2. Identify essential data elements indicative of teacher  
11 workforce quality and ensure these elements are appropriately  
12 defined and standardized for acceptable uses across certification  
13 pathways; and

14 3. Establish best practices in data management and storage  
15 processes that ensure security, privacy and appropriate integration.

16 C. The Council shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members as  
17 follows:

18 1. The Chancellor of Higher Education, or designee;

19 2. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;

20 3. The Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality  
21 and Accountability, or designee;

22 4. One member who is an employee of the State Department of  
23 Education, designated by the State Superintendent of Public  
24 Instruction;

1           5. One member who is part of an organization or association  
2 representing school district boards of education in the state,  
3 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

4           6. One member who is part of an organization or association  
5 representing school administrators in the state, appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

7           7. One member who is an elementary or secondary public school  
8 teacher in the state, appointed by the Governor; and

9           8. Six members of an association representing accredited,  
10 public university-based educator preparation programs in the state  
11 and appointed as follows:

12           a. two members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
13 House of Representatives,

14           b. two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
15 the Oklahoma State Senate, and

16           c. two members appointed by the Governor.

17           D. Appointments to the Council shall be made by no later than  
18 December 1, 2021. The first meeting of the Council shall be called  
19 by the Superintendent of Public Instruction no later than February  
20 1, 2022. At the first meeting, the members of the Council shall  
21 elect a chair and vice-chair from among the members. Meetings of  
22 the Council shall be held at least quarterly at the call of the  
23 chair. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
24 authorities. A majority of the members of the Council shall

1 constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall  
2 impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the  
3 powers of the Council. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled by  
4 the original appointing authority. The State Department of  
5 Education, Office of Educational Quality and Accountability and the  
6 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide staff,  
7 support and information as requested by the Council.

8 E. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for  
9 serving on the Council.

10 F. The Council shall act in accordance with the provisions of  
11 the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

12 G. Members who serve on the Council shall be exempt from the  
13 dual-office-holding prohibitions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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