

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2701

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 6-154.1, which relates to renewal of standard
9 teaching certification; updating statutory language;
10 expanding teaching certification renewal provisions
to the reissuance of expired certificates; deleting
obsolete citation; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-154.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 6-154.1 A. The State Board of Education shall
17 promulgate rules by which a person who holds a valid ~~Oklahoma~~
18 ~~Standard Teaching Certificate~~ standard certificate to teach issued
19 by the Board or a standard certificate to teach issued by the Board
20 that has been expired for three (3) or more years may satisfy
21 requirements for renewal or reissuance of the ~~Standard Teaching~~
22 ~~Certificate~~ certificate to teach by completing staff development
23 programs, conferences and seminars in lieu of teaching experience or
24 higher education credits ~~required by the State Board of Education~~

1 ~~for certificate renewal~~. Only programs, conferences and seminars
2 recognized for staff development credit by an Oklahoma public school
3 district at the time the teacher attends the program, conference or
4 seminar may be used to fulfill requirements under this section. The
5 State Board of Education shall not require more staff development
6 credit to be earned for certificate renewal or certificate
7 reissuance than the Board requires teachers and administrators to
8 earn pursuant to ~~Section 6-158 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~
9 rules promulgated by the Board.

10 B. District boards of education may charge a reasonable fee for
11 a holder of a valid ~~Oklahoma Standard Teaching Certificate~~ standard
12 certificate to teach issued by the Board or a standard certificate
13 to teach issued by the Board that has been expired for three (3) or
14 more years who is not employed as a teacher or administrator in an
15 Oklahoma public school to attend district-sponsored staff
16 development programs or seminars.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

18 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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