

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 30, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 2748

By: Baker, Fugate, McDugle and  
Waldron of the House

5 and

6 Stanley of the Senate

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9 An Act relating to schools; creating an early  
10 childhood or elementary education alternative teacher  
11 certification; requiring candidate hold certain  
12 degree; requiring certain training and education  
13 hours within certain period; providing for  
14 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.11 of Title 70, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the State Board  
20 of Education shall issue a one-year alternative teacher certificate,  
21 renewable for up to three (3) years, to teach early childhood  
22 education or elementary education to any qualified candidate who:

- 23 1. a. Has successfully completed a terminal degree, such as  
24 a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education,  
professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree

1 or a master of library science degree, from an  
2 institution accredited by a national or regional  
3 accrediting agency which is recognized by the  
4 Secretary of the United States Department of  
5 Education. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
6 Education shall be consulted to verify other terminal  
7 degrees, or

- 8 b. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an  
9 institution whose accreditation is recognized by the  
10 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and has  
11 two (2) years postdegree-completion qualified work  
12 experience in a field that corresponds to early  
13 childhood education or elementary education; and

14 2. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by  
15 means of the early childhood and elementary education alternative  
16 certification program in not more than three (3) years and has:

- 17 a. within the first year satisfactorily completed six (6)  
18 credit hours in classroom management and reading  
19 instruction from an educator preparation program  
20 approved and accredited by the Commission for  
21 Educational Quality and Accountability, completed the  
22 required State Department of Education approved  
23 training on cognitive science of how students learn to  
24 read and participated in a yearlong mentorship or

1 instructional coaching in reading and classroom  
2 management provided by the employing school district  
3 prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate  
4 for a second year,

5 b. within the second year satisfactorily completed six  
6 (6) credit hours in child development and math  
7 instruction from an educator preparation program  
8 approved and accredited by the Commission for  
9 Educational Quality and Accountability, participated  
10 in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or  
11 instructional coaching in child development and math  
12 instruction provided by the employing school district  
13 prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate  
14 for a third year, and successfully completed the  
15 general education and subject area portions of the  
16 competency examination required in Section 6-187 of  
17 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of  
18 specialization for which certification is sought, and

19 c. within the third year satisfactorily completed six (6)  
20 additional credit hours of professional education  
21 coursework from an educator preparation program  
22 approved and accredited by the Commission for  
23 Educational Quality and Accountability, participated  
24 in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or

1 instructional coaching provided by the employing  
2 school district, and successfully passed the  
3 professional knowledge portions of the competency  
4 examination required in Section 6-187 of Title 70 of  
5 the Oklahoma Statutes in the area of specialization  
6 for which certification is sought.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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