

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 21, 2016

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 3102

By: Caldwell and Kern of the
House

5 and

6 Smalley of the Senate

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9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
10 Section 6-122.3, as last amended by Section 7,
11 Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section
12 6-122.3), which relates to alternative placement
13 teaching certification and programs; changing
14 classroom teaching hours limit for adjunct teachers;
15 providing an effective date; and declaring an
16 emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-122.3, as
19 last amended by Section 7, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
20 2015, Section 6-122.3), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 6-122.3 A. The State Board of Education shall grant an
22 alternative placement teaching certificate to a person who makes
23 application to the Board and meets all of the following criteria:

24 1. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution
whose accreditation is recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for

1 Higher Education and has attained a retention grade point average of
2 not less than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale;

3 2. Has completed a major in a field that corresponds to an area
4 of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary Certificate, a
5 Secondary Certificate or a vocational-technical certificate;

6 3. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by
7 means of an alternative placement program in not more than three (3)
8 years. The State Board of Education shall determine the subject
9 matter of the professional education component of an alternative
10 placement program. The number of clock or semester hours required
11 for the professional education component of an alternative placement
12 program needed to qualify for standard certification shall be as
13 follows:

- 14 a. baccalaureate degree, eighteen (18) semester hours or
15 two hundred seventy (270) clock hours, or
- 16 b. postbaccalaureate degree, twelve (12) semester hours
17 or one hundred eighty (180) clock hours.

18 The State Board of Education shall establish a core minimum of six
19 (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock hours for the professional
20 education component.

21 The requirements set forth in this subsection shall exclude all
22 student teaching requirements pursuant to the provisions of
23 subsection E of this section;
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1 4. Has passed the general education and subject area portions
2 of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this
3 title in the area of specialization for which certification is
4 sought; and

5 5. Either presents a document from an accredited public school
6 district in this state offering employment in the area of
7 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that
8 the person enroll in an alternative placement program approved by
9 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek
10 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in
11 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection
12 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the
13 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder
14 of the certificate shall be considered a resident teacher for the
15 purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

16 B. An alternative placement teaching certificate shall be
17 renewed for not more than a maximum of three (3) years upon
18 presentation of a document from an accredited public school district
19 in this state offering renewed employment in the same area of
20 specialization and a document from a teacher education institution
21 verifying satisfactory progress in an appropriate alternative
22 placement program.

23 C. Persons enrolled in an alternative placement program shall:
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1 1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education
2 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
3 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the
4 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to offer teacher
5 education programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed
6 courses necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of
7 the program, except those persons who hold a certificate;

8 2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an
9 Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard
10 certification requirements within three (3) years;

11 3. Participate in the Residency Program, established in Section
12 6-195 of this title and have the same duties and responsibilities as
13 other resident teachers, except those persons who hold a
14 certificate; and

15 4. Except for persons participating in the federal Troops To
16 Teachers Program, document at least two (2) years of work experience
17 which is related to the subject area of specialization if the person
18 has only a baccalaureate degree with no postbaccalaureate work in a
19 related area.

20 D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the
21 requirements for certification and, upon demonstration by an
22 individual of specific competency in the subject area of
23 specialization, may grant a certificate to the individual. The
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1 State Board may establish other requirements necessary to grant
2 exceptions.

3 E. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience
4 shall not be required of alternative placement program participants
5 for standard certification.

6 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
7 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished
8 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be
9 required to meet standard certification. Adjunct teachers shall be
10 limited to ~~ninety (90)~~ two hundred seventy (270) clock hours of
11 classroom teaching per semester.

12 G. Each teacher education institution shall provide the
13 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation an annual report of
14 information as specified by the Commission regarding participation
15 in the alternative placement programs offered by the ~~Institution~~
16 institution.

17 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall not
18 accredit, renew the accreditation of, or otherwise approve any
19 teacher education program of any institution of higher education in
20 this state that has not implemented alternative placement programs
21 in at least four areas of specialization, including mathematics,
22 science and a foreign language. Each institution shall allow
23 individuals who meet the criteria of subsections A and C of this
24 section to be:

1 1. Admitted to an alternative placement program without further
2 qualification; and

3 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the requirements for
4 standard certification set forth in subsection A of this section
5 during the summer preceding and the summer following the first year
6 of teaching with an alternative placement teaching certificate. Any
7 person seeking standard certification through an alternative
8 placement program shall be permitted to take necessary courses
9 during regular semesters if offered.

10 I. The criteria specified in subsection H of this section can
11 be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more
12 institutions of higher education.

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

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

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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