

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 26, 2024

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 3276

By: Baker and McBride of the  
House

5 and

6 Coleman of the Senate

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9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2021,  
10 Section 6-189, which relates to teacher preparation;  
11 modifying duties of State Board of Education;  
12 modifying provisions related to competencies; and  
13 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 6-189, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 6-189. A. The certification system required by the  
18 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act as part of the new teacher  
19 preparation system shall be competency-based. The competencies for  
20 certification shall be integrated with competencies specified in  
21 Section 6-185 of this title. By July 1, 1996, the State Board of  
22 Education shall adopt general competencies for certification, and by  
23 January 1, 1997, the Board shall have adopted full competencies and  
24 implemented the certification system as required in this act. No

1 higher education courses or credit hours may be specified by the  
2 State Board of Education in rules for certification. Nothing in the  
3 certification rules adopted by the Board shall prohibit the Oklahoma  
4 State Regents for Higher Education from adopting policies and  
5 procedures it deems appropriate for coursework, grade point average,  
6 or credit hours for teacher preparation at institutions in The  
7 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

8 B. The certification requirements for a school principal not  
9 alternatively certified under subsection D of this section shall  
10 include not less than:

11 1. Completion of a standard master's degree;

12 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved  
13 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis  
14 on curriculum, instruction and building-level leadership skills.

15 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who  
16 has completed a master's degree program in education that included  
17 competencies that are substantially equal to those listed in this  
18 paragraph and if the degree was completed prior to July 1, 2005;

19 3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be  
20 fixed by the State Board of Education;

21 4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination  
22 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

23 5. A minimum of two (2) years of successful teaching experience  
24 in public or private schools accredited by the State Board of

1 Education or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of  
2 the United States.

3 C. The certification requirements for a superintendent of  
4 schools not alternatively certified under subsection D of this  
5 section shall include not less than:

6 1. Certification as a school principal or completion of the  
7 certification requirements for a school principal as set forth in  
8 subsection B of this section;

9 2. Completion of a program in education administration approved  
10 by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation with an emphasis  
11 on district-level leadership skills, and which shall include the  
12 following competencies:

- 13 a. instructional leadership,
- 14 b. organizational leadership, including education  
15 finance, education law, and risk management,
- 16 c. collaborative and community leadership, and
- 17 d. ethical leadership.

18 The requirement in this paragraph shall not apply to any person  
19 who has completed an Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation  
20 approved Master's Degree in Education Administration or has  
21 completed a program in education that included competencies that are  
22 substantially equal to those listed in this paragraph, and if the  
23 degree or program was completed between the effective date of this  
24 act and July 1, 2005;

1           3. Any other professional education and requirements as may be  
2 fixed by the State Board of Education;

3           4. A passing score on the subject area competency examination  
4 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

5           5. A minimum of two (2) years of administrative experience in  
6 public or private schools accredited by the State Board of Education  
7 or by the proper accrediting authority of another state of the  
8 United States.

9           D. 1. The standards for alternative certification for  
10 superintendents of schools and principals shall include:

- 11           a. the completion of a standard master's degree,
- 12           b. two (2) years of relevant work experience in a  
13           supervisory or administrative capacity,
- 14           c. a passing score on the subject area competency  
15           examination required in Section 6-187 of this title,  
16           and
- 17           d. filing with the director of teacher education at an  
18           Oklahoma accredited institution of higher education a  
19           plan for completing an alternative administrative  
20           preparation program within three (3) years. Relevant  
21           work experience and coursework may be considered and  
22           applied to complete the plan.

1           2. An alternative certificate for superintendent of schools and  
2 principals shall not exceed three (3) years and shall not be  
3 renewable.

4           3. Upon successful completion of an alternative administrative  
5 preparation program by a participant, the State Board of Education  
6 shall issue a standard certificate for superintendent or principal,  
7 as applicable, to the applicant.

8           4. Any person participating in an alternative certification  
9 program for superintendent of schools and principals on the  
10 effective date of this act shall be subject to the program  
11 requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this act.

12           E. The certification requirements for a superintendent of a  
13 technology center school district shall include not less than a  
14 standard master's degree, any other professional education  
15 requirements as may be fixed by the State Board of Education, and a  
16 minimum of four (4) years teaching, supervisory or administrative  
17 experience, which may include teaching of full-time adult students,  
18 in a technology center school district. A person meeting the  
19 requirements set forth in subsection C of this section shall be  
20 eligible for a certificate for superintendent of a technology center  
21 school district.

22           F. ~~The State Board of Education and the~~ State Board of Career  
23 and Technology Education shall promulgate rules for a certification  
24 system ~~option~~ specifically for teachers and instructors in the

1 technology center school districts. The ~~teacher preparation~~ system  
2 shall be competency-based. The competencies for certification shall  
3 ~~be integrated with competencies of this title, as well as reflect~~  
4 include industry-based skills, standards, and certifications.

5 G. Certificates issued by the State Board of Education may be  
6 revoked by the State Board of Education for willful violation of any  
7 rule of the Board or of any federal or state law or other proper  
8 cause but only after sufficient hearing has been given before the  
9 Board.

10 H. Teaching in a Head Start program or programs shall be used  
11 for renewal of a standard teaching certificate.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
14 March 26, 2024 - DO PASS

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