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2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 1436

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Miller of the House

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10 An Act relating to teacher certification; amending
11 Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by
12 Section 1, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
13 2019, Section 6-122.7), which relates to
14 certification in the area of mild-moderate or severe-
15 profound disabilities; allowing the State Board of
16 Education to issue a provisional certificate in the
17 area of comprehensive special education; amending
18 Section 2, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by
19 Section 2, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
20 2019, Section 6-122.8), which relates to the issuance
21 of certain standard certificates in the area of mild-
22 moderate or severe-profound disabilities; allowing
23 the State Board of Education to issue a standard
24 certificate in the area of comprehensive special
 education; amending Section 3, Chapter 120, O.S.L.
 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.9), which
 relates to alternative certification in the areas of
 mild-moderate or severe-profound disabilities;
 allowing the State Board of Education to issue an
 alternative certificate in the area of comprehensive
 special education; providing for the State Board of
 Education to issue a certain provisional certificate
 in the area of severe-profound disabilities;
 establishing criteria; providing for the issuance of
 a standard certificate in the area of severe-profound
 disabilities; establishing criteria; providing for
 codification; providing an effective date; and
 declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-122.7. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the State Board of Education shall issue a one-year provisional certificate to teach in the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound disabilities or comprehensive special education to any qualified candidate who has:

1. Earned a bachelor's level college degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
2. Been recommended for a certificate by a school district board of education or an accredited institution of higher education;
3. Satisfactorily completed a one-hundred-fifty-clock-hour special education program prescribed by the Board; and
4. On file with the Board a national criminal history record check as required pursuant to Section 5-142 of this title. The individual applying for a provisional certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the national criminal history record check.

1 B. The one-year provisional certificate issued pursuant to this
2 section may be renewed for two (2) additional periods of one-year
3 each upon proof from an accredited institution of higher education
4 that the individual has successfully completed at least six (6)
5 credit hours of prescribed coursework during the previous year in a
6 nontraditional route to certification program in either mild-
7 moderate or severe-profound disabilities or toward a master's degree
8 in special education.

9 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board
10 of Education shall issue a standard certificate in the area of mild-
11 moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound disabilities or
12 comprehensive special education to any individual who has:

13 1. Been issued one or more provisional certificates pursuant to
14 this section;

15 2. Successfully completed the prescribed coursework of a
16 nontraditional route to certification program in either mild-
17 moderate or severe-profound disabilities or a master's degree in
18 special education from an accredited institution of higher education
19 within three (3) years of issuance of the original provisional
20 certificate and any examinations required to obtain a standard
21 certificate in mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
22 disabilities or comprehensive special education;

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1 3. Successfully completed the appropriate subject area
2 competency examination as required pursuant to Section 6-187 of this
3 title; and

4 4. Submitted an application and payment of the required
5 certification fee.

6 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual
7 who holds a current provisional certificate pursuant to subsection A
8 or B of this section or a current standard certificate pursuant to
9 subsection C of this section may satisfy the highly qualified
10 teacher requirement for early childhood education or elementary
11 education by successful completion of the early childhood education
12 or elementary education examinations.

13 E. To obtain standard certification in early childhood
14 education or elementary education, an individual shall complete an
15 appropriate teacher education program approved by the Oklahoma
16 Commission for Teacher Preparation.

17 F. Nothing in this section shall change the requirements an
18 individual is required to satisfy to be considered highly qualified
19 in a secondary core academic area.

20 G. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement
21 the provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
23 2013, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S.
24 Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.8), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 6-122.8. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 law, the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate
3 in the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
4 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
5 who has:

6 1. Earned a bachelor's level college degree from an accredited
7 institution of higher education;

8 2. Successfully completed the prescribed coursework that may be
9 required for a master's degree in special education from an
10 accredited institution of higher education and any examinations
11 required to obtain a standard certificate in mild-moderate ~~or~~
12 disabilities, severe-profound disabilities or comprehensive special
13 education;

14 3. Successfully completed the appropriate subject area
15 competency examination as required pursuant to Section 6-187 of this
16 title;

17 4. On file with the State Board of Education a national
18 criminal history record check as required pursuant to Section 5-142
19 of this title; and

20 5. Submitted an application and payment of the required
21 certification fee.

22 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual
23 who holds a current standard certificate pursuant to subsection A of
24 this section can satisfy the highly qualified teacher requirement

1 for early childhood education or elementary education by successful
2 completion of the early childhood education or elementary education
3 examinations.

4 C. To obtain standard certification in early childhood
5 education or elementary education, the individual shall complete an
6 appropriate teacher education program approved by the Oklahoma
7 Commission for Teacher Preparation.

8 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 120, O.S.L.
9 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.9), is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 Section 6-122.9. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of
12 law, the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate
13 in the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
14 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
15 certified via an alternative certification route in early childhood
16 education or elementary education who has:

17 1. Earned a bachelor's level college degree from an accredited
18 institution of higher education;

19 2. Successfully completed the mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities,
20 severe-profound disabilities or comprehensive special education
21 competency examinations; and

22 3. Submitted an application and payment of the required
23 certification fee.

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1 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and with the
2 exception of paraprofessionals under the Career Development areas,
3 the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate in
4 the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
5 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
6 certified via an alternative certification route in a core academic
7 area, which includes Mathematics, Science, English, Language Arts,
8 History, Foreign Language, Music, Art, Elementary Education and
9 Early Childhood Education, who has:

10 1. Earned a bachelor's level college degree from an accredited
11 institution of higher education;

12 2. Successfully completed the mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities,
13 severe-profound disabilities or comprehensive special education
14 competency examinations; and

15 3. Submitted an application and payment of the required
16 certification fee.

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.10 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The State Board of Education shall issue a two-year
21 provisional certificate in the area of severe-profound disabilities
22 to any individual who has:

23 1. Obtained a standard certificate in the area of mild-moderate
24 disabilities;

1 2. Been recommended for a certificate in the area of severe-
2 profound disabilities by a school district board of education; and

3 3. Submitted an application and payment of the required
4 certification fee.

5 B. An individual who completes the requirements of subsection A
6 of this section may be eligible to receive a standard certificate in
7 the area of severe-profound disabilities upon completion of:

8 1. A micro-credentialing program in the area of severe-profound
9 disabilities approved by the State Board of Education. The micro-
10 credentialing program shall include competencies described in
11 Section 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

12 2. The subject area competency examination required by Section
13 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

15 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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