

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 197

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 6-101.3, as last amended by Section 2,  
9 Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
10 6-101.3), which relates to definitions regarding  
11 teachers; modifying certain definition to include  
12 employment by one or more school districts; allowing  
13 certain employing school district discretion to  
14 accept certain experience and rating; providing an  
15 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-101.3, as  
18 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp.  
19 2018, Section 6-101.3), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 6-101.3. As used in Section 6-101 et seq. of this  
21 title:

22 1. "Administrator" means a duly certified person who devotes a  
23 majority of time to service as a superintendent, elementary  
24 superintendent, principal, supervisor, vice principal or in any  
25 other administrative or supervisory capacity in the school district;

1           2. "Dismissal" means the discontinuance of the teaching service  
2 of an administrator or teacher during the term of a written  
3 contract, as provided by law;

4           3. "Nonreemployment" means the nonrenewal of the contract of an  
5 administrator or teacher upon expiration of the contract;

6           4. "Career teacher" means a teacher who:

7           a. is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-  
8 2018 school year and has completed three (3) or more  
9 consecutive complete school years as a teacher in one  
10 school district under a written continuing or  
11 temporary teaching contract, or

12           b. is employed for the first time by a school district  
13 under a written continuing or temporary teaching  
14 contract during the 2017-2018 school year and  
15 thereafter:

16           (1) has completed three (3) consecutive complete  
17 school years as a teacher in one or more school  
18 ~~district~~ districts under a written continuing or  
19 temporary teaching contract and has achieved a  
20 district evaluation rating of "superior" as  
21 measured pursuant to the TLE as set forth in  
22 Section 6-101.16 of this title for at least two  
23 (2) of the three (3) school years. An employing  
24 school district shall have the discretion whether

1 to accept the teaching experience and evaluation  
2 rating set forth in this division,

- 3 (2) has completed four (4) consecutive complete  
4 school years as a teacher in one or more school  
5 ~~district~~ districts under a written continuing or  
6 temporary teaching contract, has averaged a  
7 district evaluation rating of at least  
8 "effective" as measured pursuant to the TLE for  
9 the four-year period, and has received ~~district~~  
10 evaluation ratings of at least "effective" for  
11 the last two (2) years of the four-year period.

12 An employing school district shall have the  
13 discretion whether to accept the teaching  
14 experience and evaluation rating set forth in  
15 this division, or

- 16 (3) has completed four (4) or more consecutive  
17 complete school years in one or more school  
18 ~~district~~ districts under a written continuing or  
19 temporary teaching contract and has not met the  
20 requirements of subparagraph a or b of this  
21 paragraph, only if the principal of the school at  
22 which the teacher is employed submits a petition  
23 to the superintendent of the school district  
24 requesting that the teacher be granted career

1 status, the superintendent agrees with the  
2 petition, and the school district board of  
3 education approves the petition. The principal  
4 shall specify in the petition the underlying  
5 facts supporting the granting of career status to  
6 the teacher;

7 5. "Teacher hearing" means the hearing before a school district  
8 board of education after a recommendation for dismissal or  
9 nonreemployment of a teacher has been made but before any final  
10 action is taken on the recommendation, held for the purpose of  
11 affording the teacher all rights guaranteed by the United States  
12 Constitution and the Constitution of Oklahoma under circumstances  
13 and for enabling the board to determine whether to approve or  
14 disapprove the recommendation;

15 6. "Probationary teacher" means a teacher who:

16 a. is employed by a school district prior to the 2017-  
17 2018 school year and has completed fewer than three  
18 (3) consecutive complete school years as a teacher in  
19 one school district under a written teaching contract,  
20 or

21 b. is employed for the first time by a school district  
22 under a written teaching contract during the 2017-2018  
23 school year and thereafter and has not met the  
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1 requirements for career teacher as provided in  
2 paragraph 4 of this section;

3 7. "Suspension" or "suspended" means the temporary  
4 discontinuance of the services of an administrator or teacher, as  
5 provided by law;

6 8. "Teacher" means a person defined as a teacher in Section 1-  
7 116 of this title; and

8 9. "District evaluation rating" means the rating issued based  
9 on the components of the TLE as set forth in subsection B of Section  
10 6-101.16 of this title.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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