

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 245

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Teaching Certification  
8 Scholarship Program; amending Section 1, Chapter 17,  
9 O.S.L. 2016 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 6-187B),  
10 which relates to establishment of the program;  
11 updating statutory language; directing priority  
12 status be given to teacher candidates who seek to  
13 complete certain test; providing an effective date;  
14 and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 17, O.S.L. 2016  
17 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 6-187B), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 6-187B. A. The Commission for Educational Quality and  
19 Accountability shall establish the Teaching Certification  
20 Scholarship Program. The purpose of the program shall be to provide  
21 qualifying teacher candidates who are seeking certification with a  
22 scholarship toward the cost of competency examinations required by  
23 Section 6-187 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title,  
24 subject to the availability of funds.

25 B. The Commission shall establish eligibility criteria for the  
26 Teaching Certification Scholarship Program. Priority status shall

1 be given to teacher candidates who seek to complete the subject area  
2 test in mild-moderate disabilities, severe-profound/multiple  
3 disabilities or comprehensive special education.

4 C. Scholarships granted pursuant to this section shall be  
5 limited to one per teacher candidate.

6 D. A teacher candidate who accepts a scholarship shall be  
7 required to submit to the Commission a declaration to teach for a  
8 minimum of one (1) year in an accredited school district in  
9 Oklahoma. If the teacher candidate does not teach at a school  
10 district in Oklahoma upon achieving certification, he or she shall  
11 be required to reimburse the Commission for the full amount awarded.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

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