

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1436

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

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

2 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
3 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S.
4 Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.7), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

12 2. Been recommended for a certificate by a school district
13 board of education or an accredited institution of higher education;

14 3. Satisfactorily completed a one-hundred-fifty-clock-hour
15 special education program prescribed by the Board; and

16 4. On file with the Board a national criminal history record
17 check as required pursuant to Section 5-142 of this title. The
18 individual applying for a provisional certificate shall be
19 responsible for the cost of the national criminal history record
20 check.

21 B. The one-year provisional certificate issued pursuant to this
22 section may be renewed for two (2) additional periods of one-year
23 each upon proof from an accredited institution of higher education
24 that the individual has successfully completed at least six (6)

1 credit hours of prescribed coursework during the previous year in a
2 nontraditional route to certification program in either mild-
3 moderate or severe-profound disabilities or toward a master's degree
4 in special education.

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

9 1. Been issued one or more provisional certificates pursuant to
10 this section;

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

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

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

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

8 E. To obtain standard certification in early childhood
9 education or elementary education, an individual shall complete an
10 appropriate teacher education program approved by the Oklahoma
11 Commission for Teacher Preparation.

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

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

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
18 2013, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S.
19 Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.8), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 6-122.8. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of
21 law, the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate
22 in the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
23 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
24 who has:

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

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

9 3. Successfully completed the appropriate subject area
10 competency examination as required pursuant to Section 6-187 of this
11 title;

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

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

17 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual
18 who holds a current standard certificate pursuant to subsection A of
19 this section can satisfy the highly qualified teacher requirement
20 for early childhood education or elementary education by successful
21 completion of the early childhood education or elementary education
22 examinations.

23 C. To obtain standard certification in early childhood
24 education or elementary education, the individual shall complete an

1 appropriate teacher education program approved by the Oklahoma
2 Commission for Teacher Preparation.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 120, O.S.L.
4 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.9), is amended to read as
5 follows:

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

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

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

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

19 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and with the
20 exception of paraprofessionals under the Career Development areas,
21 the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate in
22 the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
23 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
24 certified via an alternative certification route in a core academic

1 area, which includes Mathematics, Science, English, Language Arts,
2 History, Foreign Language, Music, Art, Elementary Education and
3 Early Childhood Education, who has:

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

6 2. Successfully completed the mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities,
7 severe-profound disabilities or comprehensive special education
8 competency examinations; and

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

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

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

17 1. Obtained a standard certificate in the area of mild-moderate
18 disabilities;

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

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

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

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

8 2. The subject area competency examination required by Section
9 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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