

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1436

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Miller of the House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 nontraditional route to certification program in either mild-
2 moderate or severe-profound disabilities or toward a master's degree
3 in special education.

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

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

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

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

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

23 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual
24 who holds a current provisional certificate pursuant to subsection A

1 or B of this section or a current standard certificate pursuant to
2 subsection C of this section may satisfy the highly qualified
3 teacher requirement for early childhood education or elementary
4 education by successful completion of the early childhood education
5 or elementary education examinations.

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
16 2013, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S.
17 Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.8), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 C. To obtain standard certification in early childhood
22 education or elementary education, the individual shall complete an
23 appropriate teacher education program approved by the Oklahoma
24 Commission for Teacher Preparation.

1 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 120, O.S.L.
2 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.9), is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Section 6-122.9. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of
5 law, the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate
6 in the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
7 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
8 certified via an alternative certification route in early childhood
9 education or elementary 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 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and with the
18 exception of paraprofessionals under the Career Development areas,
19 the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate in
20 the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
21 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
22 certified via an alternative certification route in a core academic
23 area, which includes Mathematics, Science, English, Language Arts,
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1 History, Foreign Language, Music, Art, Elementary Education and
2 Early Childhood Education, who has:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2020.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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16 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
17 2020.

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