

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 26, 2020

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1436

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8 [teacher certification - area of comprehensive
9 special education - codification - ~~effective date~~ -
emergency]

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
15 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S.
16 Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.7), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

5 4. On file with the Board a national criminal history record
6 check as required pursuant to Section 5-142 of this title. The
7 individual applying for a provisional certificate shall be
8 responsible for the cost of the national criminal history record
9 check.

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

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

22 1. Been issued one or more provisional certificates pursuant to
23 this section;

1 2. Successfully completed the prescribed coursework of a
2 nontraditional route to certification program in either mild-
3 moderate or severe-profound disabilities or a master's degree in
4 special education from an accredited institution of higher education
5 within three (3) years of issuance of the original provisional
6 certificate and any examinations required to obtain a standard
7 certificate in mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
8 disabilities or comprehensive special education;

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
7 2013, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 120, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S.
8 Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.8), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 6-122.8. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 law, the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate
11 in the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
12 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
13 who has:

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

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

22 3. Successfully completed the appropriate subject area
23 competency examination as required pursuant to Section 6-187 of this
24 title;

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

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

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

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

16 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 120, O.S.L.
17 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 6-122.9), is amended to read as
18 follows:

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

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

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

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

8 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and with the
9 exception of paraprofessionals under the Career Development areas,
10 the State Board of Education shall issue a standard certificate in
11 the area of mild-moderate ~~or~~ disabilities, severe-profound
12 disabilities or comprehensive special education to any individual
13 certified via an alternative certification route in a core academic
14 area, which includes Mathematics, Science, English, Language Arts,
15 History, Foreign Language, Music, Art, Elementary Education and
16 Early Childhood 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.

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

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

7 1. Obtained a standard certificate in the area of mild-moderate
8 disabilities;

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

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

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

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

20 2. The subject area competency examination required by Section
21 6-187 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

23 ~~SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
24 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~

1 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
2 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
4 February 26, 2020 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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