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3 SENATE BILL 1436

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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; amending 70 O.S.  
2011, Section 13-110, which relates to pay for  
certain teachers of special education; providing for  
teachers with certain certification who meet certain  
criteria to be paid certain percentage above certain  
prevailing wage; 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.

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  
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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.

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. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 13-110, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 13-110. A. Qualified and properly certified teachers  
13 of special education shall be paid a minimum of five percent (5%)  
14 above the prevailing wage paid teachers of children who are  
15 nondisabled in the same school district.

16 B. Special education teachers with a severe-profound or  
17 comprehensive special education subject area certification shall be  
18 paid a minimum of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) above the  
19 prevailing wage paid teachers of children who are nondisabled in the  
20 same school district.

21 C. Special education teachers with a severe-profound or  
22 comprehensive special education subject area certification and five  
23 (5) years of experience shall be paid a minimum of ten percent (10%)  
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1 above the prevailing wage paid teachers of children who are  
2 nondisabled in the same school district.

3 D. Special education teachers with a mild-moderate subject area  
4 certification and five (5) years of experience or who have obtained  
5 a micro-credential in a special education area, as approved by the  
6 State Board of Education, shall be paid a minimum of seven and one-  
7 half percent (7.5%) above the prevailing wage paid teachers of  
8 children who are nondisabled in the same school district.

9 E. Special education teachers with a mild-moderate subject area  
10 certification who have five (5) years of experience and have  
11 obtained a micro-credential in a special education area, as approved  
12 by the State Board of Education, shall be paid a minimum of ten  
13 percent (10%) above the prevailing wage paid teachers of children  
14 who are nondisabled in the same school district.

15 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

16 SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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