

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2946

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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9 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
10 Section 6-190, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
11 137, O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 6-190),
12 which relates to teacher certification; requiring the
13 State Board of Education to issue a certificate to
14 teach to persons holding an out-of-country
15 certificate or who complete certain examination;
16 adding out-of-country certificates to certain
17 requirements; deleting certain teaching experience
18 requirement; directing the Board to promulgate rules
19 for processing out-of-country certificates; limiting
20 areas of certification for persons completing a
21 certain examination; requiring certain persons to
22 have certain criminal history record checks on file;
23 providing for a temporary certificate; stating
24 responsibility for costs; amending Section 3, Chapter
 394, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 18-
 114.14), which relates to the minimum teacher salary
 schedule; directing the Board to accept certain out-
 of-country teaching experience; establishing process
 for analyzing certain out-of-country certification
 documentation; stating responsibilities for costs;
 directing the Board to accept teaching experience
 from certain primary and secondary schools; adding
 out-of-country certification to teaching credit
 limitation; providing an effective date; and
 declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-190, as
2 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 137, O.S.L. 2015 (70 O.S. Supp.
3 2015, Section 6-190), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 6-190. A. The board of education of each school
5 district shall employ and contract in writing, as required in
6 Section 6-101 of this title, only with persons certified to teach by
7 the State Board of Education in accordance with the Oklahoma Teacher
8 Preparation Act, except as otherwise provided for by Section 6-101
9 of this title and by other law.

10 B. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person
11 who:

12 1. Has successfully completed the teacher education program
13 required by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation;

14 2. Has graduated from an accredited institution of higher
15 education that has approval or accreditation for teacher education;

16 3. Has met all other requirements as may be established by the
17 Board;

18 4. Has made the necessary application and paid the competency
19 examination fee in an amount and as prescribed by the Commission;

20 5. Has successfully completed the competency examination
21 required in Section 6-187 of this title; and

22 6. Beginning November 1, 2001, has on file with the Board a
23 current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State
24 Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history

1 record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the
3 Board may issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective
4 until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history
5 record. The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible
6 for the cost of the criminal history records.

7 C. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to any person
8 who:

9 1. Holds an out-of-state certificate and meets the requirements
10 set forth in subsection F of this section; ~~or~~

11 2. Holds certification from the National Board for Professional
12 Teaching Standards;

13 3. Holds an out-of-country certificate and meets the
14 requirements set forth in subsection F of this section; or

15 4. Has successfully completed a competency examination used in
16 the majority of other states and meets the requirements set forth in
17 subsection G of this section.

18 D. Beginning July 1, 2004, any person applying for initial
19 Oklahoma certification shall have on file with the Board a current
20 Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
21 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
22 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
23 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue
24 a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt of

1 the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person
2 applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the cost of the
3 criminal history records.

4 E. Any person holding a valid certificate, issued prior to
5 January 1, 1997, shall be a certified teacher for purposes of the
6 Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act, subject to any professional
7 development requirements prescribed by the Oklahoma Teacher
8 Preparation Act or by the State Board of Education.

9 F. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
10 who holds a valid out-of-state certificate or to a person who holds
11 a valid out-of-country certificate and meets any requirements
12 established by the Board. The certificate to teach shall only be
13 for those subject areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the
14 subject areas and grade levels recognized on the out-of-state or
15 out-of-country certificate.

16 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
17 subsection ~~and who has five (5) years of successful teaching~~
18 ~~experience as a certified teacher in an accredited school~~ shall not
19 be required to take any competency examinations in those subject
20 areas and grade levels most closely aligned to the subject areas and
21 grade levels recognized on the out-of-state or out-of-country
22 certificate.

23 3. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
24 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma

1 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
2 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
3 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
4 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
5 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt
6 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
7 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
8 cost of the criminal history record checks.

9 4. The Board shall promulgate rules establishing a process by
10 which out-of-country certificates will be reviewed and evaluated for
11 purposes of awarding a certificate to teach pursuant to this
12 subsection.

13 G. 1. The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person
14 who has successfully completed a competency exam used in a majority
15 of the other states. The certificate to teach shall only be for
16 those subject areas and grade levels that correspond with a
17 certification area used in Oklahoma.

18 2. A person who meets the requirements of paragraph 1 of this
19 subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma
20 criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
21 Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as
22 defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Upon
23 receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record check, the Board may
24 issue a temporary certificate which shall be effective until receipt

1 of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
2 The person applying for a certificate shall be responsible for the
3 cost of the criminal history record checks.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 394, O.S.L.
5 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 18-114.14), is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Section 18-114.14 A. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year,
8 teachers in the public schools of Oklahoma shall receive in salary
9 and/or fringe benefits not less than the amounts specified in the
10 following schedule:

11 MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

12 National

13 Years of	Bachelor's	Board	Master's	Doctor's
14 Experience	Degree	Certification	Degree	Degree
15 0	\$31,600	\$32,600	\$32,800	\$34,000
16 1	\$31,975	\$32,975	\$33,175	\$34,375
17 2	\$32,350	\$33,350	\$33,550	\$34,750
18 3	\$32,725	\$33,725	\$33,925	\$35,125
19 4	\$33,100	\$34,100	\$34,300	\$35,500
20 5	\$33,500	\$34,500	\$34,700	\$35,900
21 6	\$33,900	\$34,900	35,100	\$36,300
22 7	\$34,300	\$35,300	\$35,500	\$36,700
23 8	\$34,700	\$35,700	\$35,900	\$37,100
24 9	\$35,100	\$36,100	\$36,300	\$37,500

1	10	\$35,950	\$36,950	\$37,575	\$39,625
2	11	\$36,375	\$37,375	\$38,000	\$40,050
3	12	\$36,800	\$37,800	\$38,425	\$40,475
4	13	\$37,225	\$38,225	\$38,850	\$40,900
5	14	\$37,650	\$38,650	\$39,275	\$41,325
6	15	\$38,075	\$39,075	\$39,700	\$41,750
7	16	\$38,500	\$39,500	\$40,125	\$42,175
8	17	\$38,925	\$39,925	\$40,550	\$42,600
9	18	\$39,350	\$40,350	\$40,975	\$43,025
10	19	\$39,775	\$40,775	\$41,400	\$43,450
11	20	\$40,200	\$41,200	\$41,825	\$43,875
12	21	\$40,625	\$41,625	\$42,250	\$44,300
13	22	\$41,050	\$42,050	\$42,675	\$44,725
14	23	\$41,475	\$42,475	\$43,100	\$45,150
15	24	\$41,900	\$42,900	\$43,525	\$45,575
16	25	\$42,325	\$43,325	\$43,950	\$46,000

17 Master's Degree +

18 Years of National Board

19 Experience Certification

20 0 \$33,800

21 1 \$34,175

22 2 \$34,550

23 3 \$34,925

24 4 \$35,300

1	5	\$35,700
2	6	\$36,100
3	7	\$36,500
4	8	\$36,900
5	9	\$37,300
6	10	\$38,575
7	11	\$39,000
8	12	\$39,425
9	13	\$39,850
10	14	\$40,275
11	15	\$40,700
12	16	\$41,125
13	17	\$41,550
14	18	\$41,975
15	19	\$42,400
16	20	\$42,825
17	21	\$43,250
18	22	\$43,675
19	23	\$44,100
20	24	\$44,525
21	25	\$44,950

22 B. When determining the Minimum Salary Schedule, "fringe
23 benefits" shall mean all or part of retirement benefits, excluding
24 the contributions made pursuant to subsection A of Section 17-108.1

1 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the flexible benefit
2 allowance pursuant to Section 26-105 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma
3 Statutes from the flexible benefit allowance funds disbursed by the
4 State Board of Education and the State Board of Career and
5 Technology Education pursuant to Section 26-104 of Title 70 of the
6 Oklahoma Statutes.

7 C. Any of the degrees referred to in this section shall be from
8 a college recognized by the State Board of Education. The ~~State~~
9 ~~Board of Education~~ shall accept teaching experience from out-of-
10 state school districts that are accredited by the state board of
11 education or appropriate state accrediting agency for the districts.
12 The Board shall accept teaching experience from out-of-country
13 schools that are accredited or otherwise endorsed by the appropriate
14 national or regional accrediting or endorsement authority. Out-of-
15 country certification documentation in a language other than English
16 shall be analyzed by an educational credential evaluation service
17 approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation
18 Services (NACES). The person seeking to have credit granted for
19 out-of-country teaching experience shall be responsible for all
20 costs of the analysis by a credential evaluation service. The Board
21 shall accept teaching experience from primary and secondary schools
22 that are operated by the United States Department of Defense or are
23 affiliated with the United States Department of State.

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1 D. For the purpose of state salary increments and retirement,
2 no teacher shall be granted credit for more than five (5) years of
3 active duty in the military service or out-of-state or out-of-
4 country teaching experience as a certified teacher or its
5 equivalent. Nothing in this section shall prohibit boards of
6 education from crediting more years of experience on district salary
7 schedules than those allowed for state purposes.

8 E. The State Board of Education shall recognize, for purposes
9 of certification and salary increments, all the years of experience
10 of a:

11 1. Certified teacher who teaches in the educational program of
12 the Department of Corrections, beginning with fiscal year 1981;

13 2. Vocational rehabilitation counselor under the Department of
14 Human Services if the counselor was employed as a certified teacher
15 by the State Department of Education when the Division of Vocational
16 Rehabilitation was transferred from the State Board of Career and
17 Technology Education or the State Board of Education to the Oklahoma
18 Public Welfare Commission on July 1, 1968;

19 3. Vocational rehabilitation counselor which were completed
20 while employed by the Department of Human Services if such counselor
21 was certified as a teacher or was eligible for certification as a
22 teacher in Oklahoma;

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1 4. Certified teacher which were completed while employed by the
2 Department of Human Services Child Study Center at University
3 Hospital, if the teacher was certified as a teacher in Oklahoma; and

4 5. Certified school psychologist or psychometrist which were
5 completed while employed as a doctoral intern, psychological
6 assistant, or psychologist with any agency of the State of Oklahoma
7 if the experience primarily involved work with persons of school- or
8 preschool-age and if the person was, at the time the experience was
9 acquired, certified as, or eligible for certification as, a school
10 psychologist or psychometrist.

11 F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to teachers
12 who have entered into postretirement employment with a public school
13 in Oklahoma and are still receiving a monthly retirement benefit.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

15 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/25/2016
21 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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