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3 HOUSE BILL 3102

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 6-122.3, as last amended by Section 7,
9 Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section
10 6-122.3), which relates to alternative placement
11 teaching certification and programs; changing
12 classroom teaching hours limit for adjunct teachers;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-122.3, as
17 last amended by Section 7, Chapter 124, O.S.L. 2014 (70 O.S. Supp.
18 2015, Section 6-122.3), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 6-122.3 A. The State Board of Education shall grant an
20 alternative placement teaching certificate to a person who makes
21 application to the Board and meets all of the following criteria:

22 1. Holds at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution
23 whose accreditation is recognized by the Oklahoma State Regents for
24 Higher Education and has attained a retention grade point average of
not less than 2.50 on a 4.0 scale;

1 2. Has completed a major in a field that corresponds to an area
2 of specialization for an Elementary-Secondary Certificate, a
3 Secondary Certificate or a vocational-technical certificate;

4 3. Declares the intention to earn standard certification by
5 means of an alternative placement program in not more than three (3)
6 years. The State Board of Education shall determine the subject
7 matter of the professional education component of an alternative
8 placement program. The number of clock or semester hours required
9 for the professional education component of an alternative placement
10 program needed to qualify for standard certification shall be as
11 follows:

- 12 a. baccalaureate degree, eighteen (18) semester hours or
13 two hundred seventy (270) clock hours, or
- 14 b. postbaccalaureate degree, twelve (12) semester hours
15 or one hundred eighty (180) clock hours.

16 The State Board of Education shall establish a core minimum of six
17 (6) semester hours or ninety (90) clock hours for the professional
18 education component.

19 The requirements set forth in this subsection shall exclude all
20 student teaching requirements pursuant to the provisions of
21 subsection E of this section;

22 4. Has passed the general education and subject area portions
23 of the competency examination required in Section 6-187 of this
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1 title in the area of specialization for which certification is
2 sought; and

3 5. Either presents a document from an accredited public school
4 district in this state offering employment in the area of
5 specialization for which certification is sought on condition that
6 the person enroll in an alternative placement program approved by
7 the State Board of Education or declares the intention to seek
8 employment as a teacher at an accredited public school district in
9 this state. The certificate granted pursuant to this subsection
10 shall be considered a "valid certificate of qualification" for the
11 purposes of Sections 6-107 and 6-108 of this title, and the holder
12 of the certificate shall be considered a resident teacher for the
13 purposes of Section 6-195 of this title.

14 B. An alternative placement teaching certificate shall be
15 renewed for not more than a maximum of three (3) years upon
16 presentation of a document from an accredited public school district
17 in this state offering renewed employment in the same area of
18 specialization and a document from a teacher education institution
19 verifying satisfactory progress in an appropriate alternative
20 placement program.

21 C. Persons enrolled in an alternative placement program shall:

22 1. Have never been denied admittance to a teacher education
23 program approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education,
24 the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the

1 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to offer teacher
2 education programs, nor have enrolled in and subsequently failed
3 courses necessary to successfully meet the minimum requirements of
4 the program, except those persons who hold a certificate;

5 2. Have on file with the director of teacher education at an
6 Oklahoma institution of higher education a plan for meeting standard
7 certification requirements within three (3) years;

8 3. Participate in the Residency Program, established in Section
9 6-195 of this title and have the same duties and responsibilities as
10 other resident teachers, except those persons who hold a
11 certificate; and

12 4. Except for persons participating in the federal Troops To
13 Teachers Program, document at least two (2) years of work experience
14 which is related to the subject area of specialization if the person
15 has only a baccalaureate degree with no postbaccalaureate work in a
16 related area.

17 D. The State Board of Education may grant an exception to the
18 requirements for certification and, upon demonstration by an
19 individual of specific competency in the subject area of
20 specialization, may grant a certificate to the individual. The
21 State Board may establish other requirements necessary to grant
22 exceptions.

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1 E. Student teaching and a prestudent teaching field experience
2 shall not be required of alternative placement program participants
3 for standard certification.

4 F. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules
5 authorizing adjunct teachers who shall be persons with distinguished
6 qualifications in their field. Adjunct teachers shall not be
7 required to meet standard certification. Adjunct teachers shall be
8 limited to ~~ninety (90)~~ two hundred seventy (270) clock hours of
9 classroom teaching per semester.

10 G. Each teacher education institution shall provide the
11 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation an annual report of
12 information as specified by the Commission regarding participation
13 in the alternative placement programs offered by the Institution.

14 H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall not
15 accredit, renew the accreditation of, or otherwise approve any
16 teacher education program of any institution of higher education in
17 this state that has not implemented alternative placement programs
18 in at least four areas of specialization, including mathematics,
19 science and a foreign language. Each institution shall allow
20 individuals who meet the criteria of subsections A and C of this
21 section to be:

22 1. Admitted to an alternative placement program without further
23 qualification; and

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1 2. Offered the opportunity to complete the requirements for
2 standard certification set forth in subsection A of this section
3 during the summer preceding and the summer following the first year
4 of teaching with an alternative placement teaching certificate. Any
5 person seeking standard certification through an alternative
6 placement program shall be permitted to take necessary courses
7 during regular semesters if offered.

8 I. The criteria specified in subsection H of this section can
9 be met through a cooperative arrangement entered into by two or more
10 institutions of higher education.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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