



ROSENSTEIN, FIST & RINGOLD

RED BANNER UPDATE

Date: May 4, 2021

Re: HB 2748

Signed: April 28, 2021

Effective: November 1, 2021

Topic: One-Year Renewable Alternative Teaching Certificates

Summary: This Act permits the State Board of Education (OSBE) to issue one-year alternative teacher certificates, renewable up to three years, in early childhood or elementary education under the following conditions:

Education

1. The candidate has either . . .
 - a. completed a terminal degree, such as a doctorate of philosophy, a doctorate in education, professional doctorates, a master of fine arts degree or a master of library science degree, from a nationally- or regionally-accredited school which is recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education (note: the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (“Regents”) must be consulted to verify other terminal degrees), or
 - b. meets both of the following requirements:
 - i. holds at least a baccalaureate from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the Regents; and
 - ii. has two (2) years post-degree-completion qualified work experience in a field that corresponds to early childhood education or elementary education; and

Declaration of Intent

2. The candidate declares the intention to earn standard certification by means of the early childhood and elementary education alternative certification program in not more than three (3) years; and

Yearly Education and Experience Requirements

3. The candidate has completed the following yearly education and experience requirements before renewal of the candidate’s provisional certificate is issued each subsequent year:

a. Year One

Within the first year, satisfactorily completed . . .

1. six (6) credit hours in classroom management and reading instruction from an educator preparation program approved and accredited by the Commission for Education Quality and Accountability (“CEQA”), and
2. completed the required State Department of Education approved training on cognitive science and how students learn to read, and
3. participated in a yearlong mentorship or instructional coaching in reading and classroom management provided by the employing school district, and

b. Year Two

Within the second year, satisfactorily completed . . .

1. Six (6) credit hours in child development and math instruction from an educator preparation program approved and accredited by the CEQA, and
2. Participated in an additional yearlong mentorship and/or instructional coaching in child development and math instruction provided by the employing school district prior to the renewal of the provisional certificate for a third year, and
3. Completed the general education and subject area portions of the competency examination required in OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 6-187 in the area of specialization sought, and

c. Year Three

Within the third year, satisfactorily completed . . .

1. Six (6) additional credit hours of professional education coursework from an educator preparation program approved and accredited by the CEQA, and
2. Successfully passed the professional knowledge portions of the competency examination required in OKLA. STAT. tit. 70, § 6-187 in the area of specialization for which certification is sought.



Please visit the firm's website to view the signed Act.

RFR attorneys are reviewing this legislation and will be advising clients as to any recommended changes to existing district policies.