

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 SENATE BILL 840

By: Hicks

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to teachers; directing the Commission
8 for Educational Quality and Accountability to
9 promulgate rules establishing certain micro-
10 credential; establishing minimum requirements for
11 micro-credential; authorizing a certified teacher
12 with certain micro-credential to screen students for
and identify characteristics of dyslexia; directing
certain micro-credential to be reflected on certain
certificate; providing for codification; providing an
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7002 of Title 70, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability
19 shall promulgate rules establishing a micro-credential for certified
20 teachers who complete Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT)
21 certification or Center for Effective Reading Instruction (CERI).

22 B. The requirements for a CALT micro-credential or a CERI
23 micro-credential shall include at a minimum:

24 1. A master's degree;

1 2. Completion of a comprehensive therapy-level training;
2 3. Successful passage of a CALT competency examination or CERI

3 competency examination; and

4 4. Twenty-eight (28) days of instruction post the passage of
5 the applicable competency examination.

6 C. A certified teacher who earns a CALT micro-credential or a
7 CERI micro-credential shall be authorized to screen students for and
8 identify characteristics of dyslexia.

9 D. A micro-credential awarded pursuant to this section shall be
10 reflected on a teacher's certificate to teach.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health, or 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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