

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 2702

By: Ford

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to special education; defining term;  
8 directing State Board of Education to issue certain  
9 certificate; requiring special education  
10 administrators obtain certain certification;  
11 requiring training cover certain topics; requiring  
certificate within certain timeframe; exempting  
certain special education administrators from  
requirement; providing for codification; providing an  
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-122.13 of Title 70, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. For this section, "special education administrator" means  
18 the director and assistant director of a special education program  
19 for a school district.

20 B. The State Board of Education shall issue a certificate in  
21 the area of mild-moderate disabilities, severe-profound disabilities  
22 or comprehensive special education to a special education  
23 administrator who has satisfactorily complete a one-hundred-fifty-  
24 clock-hour special education program prescribed by the State Board

1 of Education. The special education program shall include training  
2 on the rules and regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities  
3 Act (IDEA). The special education administrator shall obtain  
4 certification within one (1) year of being employed as a special  
5 education administrator.

6 C. This section shall not apply to an individual who has a  
7 valid Special Education Teaching Certificate as provided for in  
8 Sections 6-122.7, 6-122.8, or 6-122.9 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
9 Statutes.

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

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

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