

SENATE FLOOR VERSION

February 25, 2025

SENATE BILL NO. 794

By: Seifried

An Act relating to teacher preparation; directing the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability to establish student teaching requirements; defining term; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-187E of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability shall establish student teaching requirements for teacher candidates who are enrolled in an educator preparation program accredited by the Commission. The requirements shall include:

1. Completion of a minimum number of weeks of field experience;

or

2. Completion of a qualified job-embedded, competency-based teacher registered apprenticeship program. For the purposes of this section, "teacher registered apprenticeship program" means a

1 structured program that combines on-the-job training with academic
2 instruction to prepare individuals to become teachers.

3 B. The Commission shall promulgate rules to implement the
4 provisions of this act.

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

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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