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2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1360

By: Hasenbeck

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8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to teachers; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
10 Sections 6-204.2, as last amended by Section 2,
11 Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013 and 6-204.3, as amended by
12 Section 600, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
13 2018, Sections 6-204.2 and 6-204.3), which relate to
14 the Education Leadership Oklahoma Act; modifying
15 purpose of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program;
16 providing certain award for teachers renewing their
17 National Board certification; limiting applicants for
18 renewal program; setting maximum award for each
19 applicant; modifying expenditures from the Education
20 Leadership Oklahoma Revolving Fund; and providing an
21 effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-204.2, as
24 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 394, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp.
25 2018, Section 6-204.2), is amended to read as follows:

26 Section 6-204.2 A. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
27 Preparation and the State Board of Education are authorized to
28 establish the Education Leadership Oklahoma program.

1 B. The purposes of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program
2 are to:

3 1. Provide teachers throughout the state information about
4 National Board certification and the Education Leadership Oklahoma
5 program services;

6 2. Provide technical assistance and National-Board-certified
7 mentors to all teachers seeking National Board certification upon
8 request;

9 3. Reward teachers who are seeking National Board certification
10 by awarding them a portion of the application processing charge and
11 assessment fee and scholarship as provided in subsection D of this
12 section; ~~and~~

13 4. Reward teachers who are renewing their National Board
14 certification by awarding them a portion of the renewal application
15 fee as provided in subsection E of this section; and

16 5. Provide recognition to National-Board-certified teachers.

17 C. To fulfill the objectives of the Education Leadership
18 Oklahoma Act, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall:

19 1. Inform teachers of the Education Leadership Oklahoma program
20 and services it provides to teachers seeking National Board
21 certification, emphasizing recruiting efforts toward teachers at
22 high-poverty schools, schools identified as in need of improvement
23 and in counties with the lowest percentage of teachers who have
24 achieved National Board certification; and

1 2. Ensure that all teachers seeking National Board
2 certification receive adequate information regarding the level of
3 commitment required to acquire National Board certification.

4 D. The Commission shall select not more than one hundred
5 applicants to participate in the program each fiscal year for whom
6 the Commission shall pay one-half (1/2) of the application
7 processing charge and assessment fee for National Board
8 certification. The total amount paid by the Commission shall not
9 exceed One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00). In addition
10 the Commission shall also provide to the selected applicants a
11 scholarship in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to cover
12 other expenses associated with obtaining National Board
13 certification.

14 E. The Commission shall select not more than three hundred
15 applicants to participate in the renewal program each fiscal year
16 for whom the Commission shall pay a portion of the fee for National
17 Board certification renewal. The total amount paid by the
18 Commission shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per
19 applicant.

20 F. The Commission shall promulgate rules establishing a process
21 for accepting applications for the Education Leadership Oklahoma
22 program and for providing to applicants selected for the program up-
23 front payment of the application processing charge and assessment
24 fee and scholarship. If a selected applicant who receives the up-

1 front payment does not complete National Board certification within
2 three (3) years, the applicant shall repay the Commission the full
3 amount paid by the Commission pursuant to subsection D of this
4 section. All selected applicants who do not receive an up-front
5 payment and successfully complete National Board certification shall
6 be reimbursed by the Commission for the application processing
7 charge and assessment fee. The total amount of reimbursement paid
8 by the Commission shall not exceed One Thousand Three Hundred
9 Dollars (\$1,300.00).

10 ~~F.~~ G. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma
11 Commission for Teacher Preparation contract with Southeastern
12 Oklahoma State University to establish Education Leadership Oklahoma
13 program training in higher education teacher preparation programs in
14 the state to assist teachers in meeting the requirements to obtain
15 National Board certification.

16 ~~G.~~ H. All teachers seeking National Board certification shall
17 be eligible to participate in Education Leadership Oklahoma program
18 training to assist them in meeting the requirements of the National
19 Board certification process, free of charge.

20 ~~H.~~ I. Subject to district board of education policy or
21 collective bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days
22 may be granted to teachers seeking National Board certification for
23 National Board certification portfolio development. During the two
24 (2) days of the additional professional days granted to teachers for

1 National Board certification portfolio development, a substitute
2 teacher shall be provided by the school district at no cost to the
3 teacher.

4 ~~F.~~ J. 1. The State Board of Education shall provide to
5 teachers who attained National Board certification prior to June 30,
6 2013, a bonus in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
7 annually over a ten-year period, to be paid no later than January 31
8 each year. The Board shall provide a bonus to any teacher who
9 attains National Board certification after June 30, 2013, if the
10 teacher was selected for the Education Leadership Oklahoma program
11 before June 30, 2013, or the teacher has submitted an application
12 for National Board certification to the National Board for
13 Professional Teaching Standards before June 30, 2013.

14 2. The teachers eligible to receive the annual bonus as
15 provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall receive the
16 annual bonus for the ten-year duration of their National Board
17 certification and so long as they are teaching in the classroom
18 full-time in an Oklahoma public school. No school or school
19 district shall be liable for payment of bonuses pursuant to this
20 section.

21 3. The bonus shall not be included in the calculation of the
22 teacher's salary for purposes of meeting the district or statutory
23 minimum salary schedule or for purposes of compensating Oklahoma
24 Teachers' Retirement System contributions or benefits.

1 4. Teachers eligible to receive the annual bonus as provided
2 for in paragraph 1 of this subsection shall not be eligible to
3 receive the additional salary increment for National Board
4 certification as set forth in the minimum salary schedule in Section
5 ~~3~~ 18-114.14 of this ~~act~~ title.

6 5. Teachers who attain National Board certification after June
7 30, 2013, shall be eligible to receive the additional salary
8 increments for National Board certification as set forth in the
9 minimum salary schedule in Section ~~3~~ 18-114.14 of this ~~act~~ title.

10 6. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for a
11 process by which a National-Board-certified teacher will verify
12 that:

- 13 a. the National Board certification has not lapsed,
- 14 b. the teacher is still a full-time teacher, and
- 15 c. for teachers eligible for the bonus, the teacher has
16 not exceeded the limit of annual bonus payments as
17 provided for in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

18 ~~J.~~ K. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma
19 State Regents for Higher Education incorporate the National Board
20 certification portfolio development into all programs in education
21 leading to a master's level degree.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-204.3, as
23 amended by Section 600, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (70 O.S. Supp.
24 2018, Section 6-204.3), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 6-204.3 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
2 revolving fund for the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation
3 to be designated the "Education Leadership Oklahoma Revolving Fund".
4 The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year
5 limitations, and shall consist of all monies appropriated or
6 transferred to the fund by the Legislature. All monies accruing to
7 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
8 and expended by the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to
9 provide assistance and scholarships for candidates seeking National
10 Board certification and renewal. Expenditures from the fund shall
11 be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims
12 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
13 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/20/2019
17 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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