

HOUSE BILL No. 2874

By Representative O'Neal

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- 9 AN ACT concerning teachers; relating to licensure thereof.
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11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*
12 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:
13 (1) "State board" means the state board of education.
14 (2) "Board of education" means the board of education of a school
15 district.
16 (3) "Nontraditional teacher licensure program" or "program" means
17 a teacher licensure program established by a nontraditional provider and
18 which has been approved by the state board pursuant to this section.
19 (4) "Nontraditional provider" means a school district, school district
20 cooperative or interlocal, school district service center or a community
21 college.
22 (b) A nontraditional provider may adopt a nontraditional teacher li-
23 censure program under which the nontraditional provider provides
24 teacher training to any person desiring to obtain a teacher's license but
25 who does not meet the requirements for licensure under the provisions
26 of article 13 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and any rules
27 and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. A nontraditional license shall
28 not be valid unless issued under a program approved by the state board.
29 An application for approval of a program shall be submitted by the non-
30 traditional provider in the form and manner required by the state board.
31 Such application shall:
32 (1) Describe the course work or training to be provided to persons
33 enrolled in the program;
34 (2) describe the qualifications of persons providing training to per-
35 sons enrolled in the program;
36 (3) describe a program of support for persons enrolled in and com-
37 pleting the program in order to provide such persons with the skills and
38 knowledge required to be an effective teacher;
39 (4) include the standards by which the successful completion of the
40 program will be measured;
41 (5) describe a system for the evaluation of the performance of any
42 person trained under the program; and
43 (6) include any other information required by the state board.

1 (c) (1) If the state board approves an application submitted pursuant
2 to this section, the nontraditional provider may issue a nontraditional
3 teacher license to any person who successfully completes the program if
4 such person: (A) Holds a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accred-
5 ited college or university or an institution with a teacher education pro-
6 gram that has been approved by the state board under K.S.A. 72-1371,
7 and amendments thereto; and (B) has met the requirements of K.S.A.
8 72-1397, and amendments thereto.

9 (2) If an application for the approval of a nontraditional teacher li-
10 censure program is not approved by the state board, the state board shall
11 identify the deficiencies in the application and shall allow the nontradi-
12 tional provider to correct such deficiencies and to resubmit its application.

13 (3) While the application for approval is awaiting action by the state
14 board, persons may begin teaching immediately as unlicensed substitute
15 teachers.

16 (d) No person holding a nontraditional license may be employed by
17 a school district unless the license was issued under a program approved
18 by the state board. No person holding a nontraditional license may be
19 employed by a school district without first submitting to the board of
20 education such person's fingerprints for the purposes of verifying the
21 identity of such person and obtaining records of criminal arrests and con-
22 victions. The board of education may fix and collect a fee as may be
23 required by the board in an amount necessary to reimburse the board for
24 the cost of fingerprinting and the criminal history record check. Any mon-
25 eys collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund
26 of the district and shall be considered reimbursements for the purpose
27 of the school district finance and quality performance act.

28 (e) A person holding a nontraditional license shall have the same re-
29 sponsibilities and rights as a teacher issued a license under the provisions
30 of article 13 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and any rules
31 and regulations adopted by the state board of education pursuant thereto.

32 (f) School districts employing persons holding district licenses shall
33 submit reports relating thereto as required by the state board of
34 education.

35 Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "out of state teacher" means a
36 person who holds a teaching license which is valid in any other state in
37 which the requirements under which the license was issued are compa-
38 rable, in the opinion of the state board, to the requirements of this state.

39 (b) When seeking a teaching license in the state of Kansas, an out of
40 state teacher shall not be required to comply with any requirements which
41 exceed the requirements that are required of a person holding a teaching
42 license issued by the state board.

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1 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the statute book.