



2008 LEGISLATION

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**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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**H.B. 3124 – TEACH FOR AMERICA**

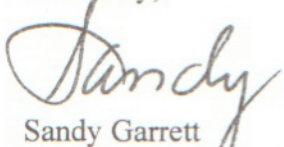
Dear Superintendent:

House Bill 3124, effective November 1, 2008, provides for the teacher certification of persons accepted into the Teach for America Program. The law states:

- The State Board of Education shall issue a two-year, nonrenewable license to teach to any person who has been accepted into the Teach for America Program and has on file with the Board a current Oklahoma criminal history record from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check. Upon receipt of the Oklahoma criminal history record, the Board may issue a temporary license which shall be effective until receipt of the national fingerprint-based criminal history record. The person applying for a license shall be responsible for the cost of the criminal history records.
- Teachers issued a license shall not be subject to the requirements of the residency program, but shall complete the coursework requirements established for participants of the Teach for America Program. Upon successful completion of the coursework, the teacher shall be issued a certificate to teach by the State Board of Education after completion of the application and payment of the certification fee.

A copy of House Bill 3124 is attached for your review. Should you have questions, please contact Dr. Ramona Paul, Assistant State Superintendent, Professional Services, at (405) 521-4311.

Sincerely,

  
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State Superintendent

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Attachment House Bill 3124

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