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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2009 LEGISLATION

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**SENATE BILL 394 – TEACHER
CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Dear Superintendent:

Senate Bill 394 becomes effective on November 1, 2009. It amends the teacher contract renewal law by changing the notification timelines. School boards must now notify a teacher prior to the first Monday in June rather than April 10, if a recommendation has been made not to reemploy the teacher for the ensuing year. A teacher must notify the school board of the desire not to be reemployed within fifteen days after the first Monday in June, rather than April 25, or the teacher will be deemed to be reemployed.

In addition, Senate Bill 394 amends the Teach For America Program requirements. The amendments specify the certification criteria for applicants in the Teach For America Program.

A copy of the bill is attached for review. If you have questions, please contact Kay Harley, General Counsel, Legal Services, at (405) 521-4890.

Sincerely,

Sandy Garrett
State Superintendent

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Attachment: Senate Bill 394