



2009 LEGISLATION

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**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**  
**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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**S.B. 394 – TEACH FOR AMERICA**

Dear Superintendent:

Senate Bill 394, Section 2, effective November 1, 2009, clarifies that the Teach for America program will determine the required assessments for Teach for America candidates planning to teach in Oklahoma.

The bill 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.

After two years, the State Board of Education shall issue a standard five-year teaching certificate to any Teach for America participant who has:

- 1. Completed the coursework requirements established for participants of the Teach for America Program;**
- 2. Successfully passed the assessment requirements established by Teach for America for participants of the Teach for America Program; and**
- 3. Submitted an application and payment of the certification fee as prescribed by the Board.”**

A copy of Senate Bill 394 is attached for your review. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ramona Paul, Assistant State Superintendent, Professional Services Division, at (405) 521-4311.

Sincerely,

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State Superintendent

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Attachment: Senate Bill 394

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