

Approved: 2-30-97
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael R. O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. on January 30, 1997 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Daniel Thimesch - Excused

Committee staff present: Ben Barrett, Legislative Research Department
Avis Swartzman, Revisor of Statutes
Cindy Wulfkuhle, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Merle Hill, Kansas Association of Community Colleges
Ken Bungert, Director of Certification & Teacher Education

Others attending:

Merle Hill, Kansas Association of Community Colleges, appeared before the committee with a request for introduction of a bill that would allow state capital outlay funds to aid community colleges. (Attachment 1)

Representative Powers made the motion to have this request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Bungert, Director of Certification & Teacher Education, appeared before the committee to give an overview of the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) for Kansas teaching certificate. (Attachment 2) The 1984 Legislature enacted a bill that was designed to insure that certification of a person as a teacher would be a reliable indicator that the person has the basic knowledge and qualifications necessary to engage in the profession of teaching in Kansas.

The State Board of Education adopted the PPST in 1985 to satisfy the goals of the legislation. The PPST measures basic skills in mathematics, reading, and writing. The test went into effect in May 1986. In 1993 the Kansas State Board of Education, Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas Association of Independent Colleges looked again at the PPST and recommended new passing scores effective July 1995. An average of 80% of those who fail the test the first time will pass it on the second try.

He told the committee that there is some responsibility in the State Board of Education in granting access to teaching to assure a certain level of knowledge and skills. The PPST does not assess ones ability to teach but rather if they have the basic knowledge to teach. The time to see if a person can teach is after they have two years of successful employment.

Some members were concerned that students work their way through college with a dream of becoming a teacher only to find out at the end, before their student teaching, that they can't pass an area of the PPST. They asked why shouldn't they be allowed to participate in teaching if they promise to never teach in the subject area that they couldn't pass. Mr. Bungert explained that now they test at students before they are accepted to enter the teaching curriculum in college to see if they have the basic skills.

There are five requirements to receive a certificate:

- Completed an approved program at an accredited teacher education institution
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.5
- Passed the PPST
- Passed the Professional Knowledge Test
- Completed the student teaching program

The committee had heard about a study that Emporia State did that suggested personality and the ability to work with students was more important in the long run than the grade point average of the teacher. The Chairman requested a copy of the study be provided to the committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, Room 519-S Statehouse, at 3:30 p.m
January 30, 1997.

HB 2015 - community colleges, student residence, determination of state aid entitlements

Representative Morrison made the motion to report HB 2015 favorably for passage. Representative Shore seconded the motion.

The committee discussed the bill and some committee members were concerned that community colleges need more money and this bill would allow people from out-of-state to go to Kansas Community Colleges at in-state prices.

The motion carried. Representative Ballou requested to be recorded as voting no.

The committee meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 1997.



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To: House Committee on Education

From: Merle Hill

Date: January 30, 1997

Subj: Request For A Bill Making Community Colleges Eligible For State Funds For Capital-Outlay Purposes

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am Merle Hill, executive director of the Kansas Association of Community Colleges. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to request the introduction of a bill to make community colleges eligible for state funding for capital-outlay purposes.

The facilities of all 19 Kansas community colleges have been built with "local" tax funds, i.e., funds derived from local mill levies. No state funds have been used for any facilities. Five of the community colleges, which are also designated as area vocational-technical schools, have received some matching-grant funding appropriated by the Legislature for the State Department of Education, but these funds have been designated specifically for the purpose of much-needed equipment for technical courses of instruction.

Community colleges are authorized to levy up to two mills against their taxing districts' assessed valuations for capital-outlay purposes, but only seven institutions have been able to pass get their districts' voters to approve such levies. That means that 12 of the colleges are forced to use their general-fund mill levies to finance capital expenditures for buildings and equipment.

There are six community colleges with total mill levies above 30, eight with levies between 20 and 29.99, and only five with levies below 20 mills. (See attachment.) Because of these high mill levies, voters are reluctant to approve additional funding for buildings, building repair and the expensive equipment needed for today's up-to-date technical training.

The community colleges located in 19 taxing districts in 18 counties receive no state funds for capital-outlay purposes, yet more than 45 percent of their course enrollments are by students who reside in the other 87 counties. The community colleges are serving a statewide educational and training/retraining function, yet receive no capital-outlay funding to assist them in keeping facilities in good condition and equipment used for training/retraining the state's workforce up to date.

It is recommended that the community colleges be eligible for state capital-outlay dollars, as are the area vocational-technical schools, and that any capital-outlay funds appropriated by the Legislature be supervised and distributed by the State Department of Education.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

SOURCE: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1996 Community College Mill Levies

	Gen.	Capital Outlay	Voc. Ed.	Bond & Int.	Adult Ed.	Empl. Bene.	Spec. Assess.	TOTAL
Allen County	18.985	1.998	1.193	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	22.176
Barton County	21.159	0.000	2.077	0.000	0.000	6.788	0.000	30.024
Butler County	9.980	0.000	3.529	0.000	0.000	7.752	0.000	21.261
Cloud County	26.063	0.000	2.580	0.000	0.000	2.307	0.000	30.950
Coffeyville	33.729	0.000	1.828	0.000	0.000	1.633	0.000	37.190
Colby	16.264	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	7.115	0.000	23.379
Cowley County	11.150	1.999	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.964	0.113	19.226
Dodge City	17.660	1.996	0.787	0.000	0.244	4.826	0.000	25.513
Fort Scott	19.175	0.000	2.007	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	21.182
Garden City	10.980	1.000	2.000	0.000	0.000	3.810	0.000	17.790
Highland	22.557	0.000	0.000	1.638	0.000	0.000	0.000	24.195
Hutchinson	13.159	0.989	1.416	0.000	0.000	3.801	0.000	19.365
Independence	29.838	0.000	1.094	0.000	0.398	6.216	0.000	37.546
Johnson County	5.477	0.000	1.223	0.000	0.000	2.203	0.043	8.946
Kansas City	10.017	0.752	1.758	0.000	0.000	3.810	0.000	16.337
Labelle	17.096	0.000	2.005	0.000	0.000	5.729	0.000	24.830
Neosho County	26.009	1.994	2.757	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	30.760
Pratt	22.410	0.000	9.948	0.000	0.000	6.419	0.000	38.777
Seward County	15.426	2.579	2.018	5.443	0.000	2.967	0.000	28.433

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January 30, 1997

To: Members of the House Education Committee

From: Ken Bungert, Director, Certification and Teacher Education

Subject: Discussion on Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) for Kansas teaching certificate

Thank you for inviting me to meet with you regarding Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) as a current requirement for initial certification.

In 1984 the legislature enacted H.B. 3091 establishing the requirement that applicants for initial issuance of certificates to teach in Kansas take and satisfactorily pass an examination prescribed by the State Board of Education (72-1388). The legislation specifies that the examination shall be "designed to insure that certification of a person as a teacher is a reliable indicator that the person has the basic knowledge and qualifications necessary to engage in the profession of teaching in Kansas."

The Kansas State Board of Education selected and adopted the PPST and the National Teacher Examination Professional Knowledge Test (PKT) in December of 1985 to satisfy the goals of the legislation. The PPST is a basic skills test consisting of three components, mathematics, reading, and writing. The PKT is a general test of pedagogical knowledge. Qualifying test scores adopted were: PPST Math 168, PPST Reading 168, PPST Writing 170, PKT 642. These tests became effective for any applicant for an initial Kansas Certificate after May 1, 1986.

In 1993 the Kansas State Board of Education, The Kansas Board of Regents, and the Kansas Association of Independent Colleges joined efforts to sponsor an investigation focusing on the use of test scores in the basic skills of math, reading, and writing for admission into a teacher education program and for initial certification. Four test instruments were studied, Enhanced American College Test (ACT), Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP), PPST, and State of Kansas Assessment Tests (SKAT). As a result of this activity the Kansas State Board of Education affirmed the continued use of the PPST and adopted new passing scores of 174 for Math, 173 for Reading, and 172 for Writing. These new scores went into effect July 1, 1995.

In addition to the State Board action, the Kansas Board of Regents adopted the PPST and the same scores as a part of a comprehensive admissions policy into a teacher education program at all Regent institutions. All Independent colleges also require the PPST for full admission into the teacher education program. Qualifying scores will vary in some schools.

to July 1 of each year, the state board of education shall determine the amount of revenue which will be required to properly administer the provisions of article 13 of chapter 72 of Kansas Statutes Annotated during the ensuing fiscal year, and shall establish the certification fee for such year in the amount deemed necessary for such purposes. The certification fee shall become effective on July 1 of each year. The state board of education shall remit all moneys received by or for it from fees, charges or penalties to the state treasurer at least monthly. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount thereof in the state treasury and the same shall be credited to the certificate fees fund, and shall be used only for the payment of expenses connected with the issuance, renewal, or duplication of such certifications, and for the keeping of records by the state department of education. All expenditures from the certificate fees fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the state board of education or by a person or persons designated by it.

History: L. 1945, ch. 282, § 42; L. 1955, ch. 315, § 1; L. 1961, ch. 324, § 1; L. 1969, ch. 317, § 3; L. 1977, ch. 244, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 295, § 1; L. 1986, ch. 266, § 1; April 10.

Source or prior law:
72-1365.

72-1388. Issuance, renewal, reinstatement and registration of certificates; rules and regulations; requirements. (a) The state board of education, in accordance with law, is authorized to adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance, renewal, reinstatement and registration of certificates for teachers and other personnel in the state department of education and in schools and institutions under the general supervision of the state board of education.

(b) In addition to other requirements and subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-1396, and amendments thereto, the rules and regulations of the state board of education shall include after May 1, 1986, the requirement that applicants for initial issuance of certificates to teach shall take and satisfactorily pass an examination prescribed by the state board.

(c) The privilege to teach at any level or in any field or subject, if such privilege is or has been granted when a certificate is issued,

may not be withheld during the term for which the certificate is issued except as provided in K.S.A. 72-1383 or 72-5412, and amendments to such sections.

History: L. 1947, ch. 362, § 1; L. 1969, ch. 317, § 4; L. 1984, ch. 264, § 1; L. 1985, ch. 238, § 1; July 1.

Source or prior law:
72-1358, 72-1378.

Cross References to Related Sections:

Law relating to rules and regulations, see article 85 of chapter 72, 72-1383 and 72-5412.

Attorney General's Opinions:

Examinations for teachers' certifications; passing score determined by state board. 90-132.

CASE ANNOTATIONS

1. Cited; rebuttable presumption of qualification represented by teaching certificate, tenured teacher's rights in reduction of force situation examined. *Bauer v. U.S.D.* No. 452, 244 K. 6, 12, 765 P.2d 1129 (1988).

72-1389. Signature and registration of certificates. All teachers' certificates shall, before issuance, be signed by appropriate personnel of the state department of education designated by the state board of education and such certificates shall be registered in the state department of education. The provisions of this act [*] shall not invalidate teachers' certificates that have been duly issued prior to the effective date of this act [*].

History: L. 1947, ch. 362, § 2; L. 1969, ch. 317, § 5; April 25.

* "This act," see, also, 72-1381, 72-1383, 72-1387, 72-1388, 72-1390, 72-5410, 72-5412.

Source or prior law:
72-1338, 72-1370.

72-1390. Payment of salaries unlawful, when. It shall be unlawful for the board of education of any school district to issue an order for payment of the salary of any certificated employee who does not hold a certificate which is valid in the state of Kansas for the particular kind of work to be performed.

History: L. 1947, ch. 362, § 3; L. 1969, ch. 317, § 6; April 25.

Source or prior law:
72-1356, 72-1376.

Cross References to Related Sections:

Personnel for noninstructional activities, see 72-1106.

72-1391.

History: L. 1951, ch. 395, § 22; Repealed, L. 1969, ch. 317, § 9; April 25.

72-1392. Student teaching certificates; contracts for student teachers; cost. The board

of education of any school district may enter into contracts with colleges and universities for the use of student teachers in the public schools. The state board of education, by rules and regulations, shall provide for the issuance of student teaching certificates and may authorize persons holding such student teaching certificates to assume responsibilities of teachers in schools within limitations prescribed by the state board. Student teaching certificates shall be issued without the charge of any fee or cost by the state board of education.

History: L. 1970, ch. 278, § 1; L. 1971, ch. 226, § 1; July 1.

72-1393. Prohibition from adoption of certain rules and regulations concerning certification of administrators, teachers or instructors or conditions of employment at two-year colleges or community junior colleges. The state board of education is hereby prohibited from adopting rules and regulations which require certification of administrators, teachers or instructors in any two-year college or in any public community junior college or which require any such administrators, teachers or instructors to meet any other conditions for qualification for employment in any such two-year college or public community junior college. From and after the effective date of this act, any requirements in any rules and regulations adopted by the state board of education which conflict with the prohibition prescribed in this section shall be null and void.

History: L. 1975, ch. 360, § 2; L. 1975, ch. 359, § 2; April 11.

72-1394. Examination for certification; duties of state board; confidentiality; availability of specifications and results. (a) The state board of education shall prescribe an examination designed to insure that certification of a person as a teacher is a reliable indicator that the person has the basic knowledge and qualifications necessary to engage in the profession of teaching in this state.

(b) In order to comply with the requirements of subsection (a), the state board of education shall select an examination which will measure the basic knowledge and qualifications of applicants for certification as teachers and shall provide for administration and validation of the examination. The examination shall be administered to applicants at least two times each calendar year at various locations within the state.

(c) The state board of education shall adopt rules and regulations to guarantee the confidentiality of the examination, but shall make available to applicants information regarding examination specifications and shall prescribe the method by which persons who take the examination may obtain the results thereof.

History: L. 1984, ch. 264, § 2; July 1.

Attorney General's Opinions:

Examinations for teachers' certifications; passing score determined by state board. 90-132.

CASE ANNOTATIONS

1. Cited; rebuttable presumption of qualification represented by teaching certificate, tenured teacher's rights in reduction of force situation examined. *Bauer v. U.S.D.* No. 452, 244 K. 6, 12, 765 P.2d 1129 (1988).

72-1395. Same; application; passing score determined by state board; passage requirement. Any applicant who is seeking certification to teach in this state and who is required to take the examination required by this act may apply for and take the examination without limitation as to the frequency of applications or testing, subject to any limit imposed by the state board. The state board of education shall determine the passing score for the examination which will be required to be attained by applicants as a prerequisite for certification. An applicant shall not be required to pass the examination more than once.

History: L. 1984, ch. 264, § 3; July 1.

Attorney General's Opinions:

Examinations for teachers' certifications; passing score determined by state board. 90-132.

72-1396. Same; exemptions. (a) Any person holding a teaching certificate valid in the state of Kansas which was issued prior to May 1, 1986, is exempt from the examination required by this act.

(b) The following persons, or any class or classes thereof, may be exempted by the state board of education from the examination required by this act:

(1) Any person holding a teaching certificate valid in any other state if the requirements under which the certificate was issued are comparable, in the opinion of the state board, to the requirements of this state, other than examination, for issuance of a teaching certificate.

(2) Any person applying for a one-year, nonrenewable certificate if the person meets all certification requirements, other than examination, for issuance of a teaching certificate.

(3) Any person applying for certification by the state board to provide services in a position for which the state board deems the exami-

nation is inappropriate or unnecessary if the person meets the certification requirements which have been established by the state board as appropriate and necessary for the position.

History: L. 1984, ch. 264, § 4; L. 1985, ch. 238, § 2; July 1.

Attorney General's Opinions:

Examinations for teachers' certifications; passing score determined by state board. 90-132.

Article 14.—COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTES

72-1401.

History: L. 1877, ch. 136, § 1; L. 1915, ch. 304, § 1; R.S. 1923, 72-1401; L. 1939, ch. 253, § 1; Repealed, L. 1951, ch. 395, § 74; July 1.

Source or prior law:

L. 1876, ch. 122, art. 6, § 4.

72-1402.

History: L. 1877, ch. 136, § 9; L. 1911, ch. 270, § 2; R.S. 1923, 72-1402; Repealed, L. 1951, ch. 395, § 74; July 1.

72-1403.

History: L. 1877, ch. 136, § 2; R.S. 1923, 72-1403; L. 1939, ch. 253, § 2; Repealed, L. 1951, ch. 395, § 74; July 1.

72-1404.

History: L. 1877, ch. 136, § 3; L. 1901, ch. 267, § 1; L. 1915, ch. 304, § 2; R.S. 1923, 72-1404; Repealed, L. 1951, ch. 395, § 74; July 1.

72-1405, 72-1406.

History: L. 1877, ch. 136, §§ 4, 5; R.S. 1923, 72-1405, 72-1406; Repealed, L. 1951, ch. 395, § 74; July 1.

72-1407.

History: L. 1877, ch. 136, § 6; L. 1901, ch. 267, § 2; L. 1911, ch. 270, § 1; R.S. 1923, 72-1407; Repealed, L. 1951, ch. 395, § 74; July 1.

72-1408.

History: L. 1877, ch. 136, § 7; R.S. 1923, 72-1408; Repealed, L. 1951, ch. 395, § 74; July 1.

72-1409.

History: L. 1951, ch. 395, § 23; L. 1953, ch. 325, § 1; L. 1963, ch. 359, § 1; Repealed, L. 1967, ch. 372, § 2; July 1.

72-1410.

History: L. 1951, ch. 395, § 24; Repealed, L. 1967, ch. 372, § 2; July 1.

72-1411.

History: L. 1967, ch. 372, § 1; Repealed, L. 1969, ch. 312, § 6; May 10.

Article 15.—STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Revisor's Note:

This article formerly was entitled "School-District Library" and consisted of 72-1501 through 72-1503.

72-1501.

History: L. 1876, ch. 122, art. 8, § 1; R.S. 1923, 72-1501; L. 1925, ch. 226, § 1; Repealed, L. 1969, ch. 310, § 66; July 1.

Source or prior law:

L. 1870, ch. 105, § 1.

72-1502.

History: L. 1876, ch. 122, art. 8, § 2; L. 1919, ch. 261, § 1; R.S. 1923, 72-1502; Repealed, L. 1969, ch. 310, § 66; July 1.

Source or prior law:

L. 1870, ch. 105, § 2.

72-1503.

History: L. 1876, ch. 122, art. 8, § 3; R.S. 1923, 72-1503; Repealed, L. 1943, ch. 248, § 42; June 30.

Source or prior law:

L. 1870, ch. 105, § 3.

Revisor's Note:

Later act, see 72-1033.

72-1504. Citation of act. This act shall be known and may be cited as the student publications act.

History: L. 1992, ch. 5, § 1; July 1.

72-1505. Definitions. As used in this act: (a) "School district" means any public school district organized and operating under the laws of this state.

(b) "Student publication" means any matter which is prepared, substantially written, or published by students, which is distributed or generally made available, either free of charge or for a fee, to members of the student body, and which is prepared under the direction of a certified employee.

History: L. 1992, ch. 5, § 2; July 1.

72-1506. Liberty of press protected; regulation authorized; review of material not restraint on publication; material not protected; responsibilities of editors and advisers; liability, immunity and limitations. (a) The liberty of the press in student publications shall be protected. School employees may regulate the number, length, frequency, distribution and format of student publications. Material shall

Regulations

91-1-27a. Precertification examination.

- (a) On and after May 1, 1986, an initial certificate to teach shall be issued only to those applicants who have taken and satisfactorily passed the precertification examination prescribed by the state board.
- (b) The precertification examination is confidential and the specific contents thereof shall be disclosed only for the purpose of administering the examination.
- (c) Applicants may take the examination without limitation as to frequency.
- (d) General information regarding the precertification examination may be obtained by contacting the state department of education. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 72-1388, as amended by sec. 1 of 1985 HB 2461; implementing K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 72-1388, as amended by sec. 1 of 1985 HB 2461, 72-1394; effective May 1, 1986.)

91-1-27b. Exemptions from precertification examination.

- (a) The precertification examination requirements set forth in K.A.R. 91-1-27a shall not apply if application is made for:
 - (1) A certificate with an endorsement or endorsements only in an area or areas that do not require the completion of a state-approved teacher education program;
 - (2) a certificate issued with an endorsement which does not require student teaching as a prerequisite for classroom instruction;
 - (3) a certificate with a substitute teaching endorsement only; and
 - (4) a nonrenewable certificate valid only through June 30 of the school year for which the certificate is issued. Each applicant seeking this certificate shall meet all other requirements for the issuance of an initial certificate to teach, and shall provide written verification from an administrator of an accredited or approved local education agency that the applicant will be employed if the certificate is issued.
- (b) An initial certificate to teach shall be issued to each applicant for certification who has not taken and satisfactorily passed the precertification examination if:
 - (1) The applicant holds a certificate to teach that is valid in another state and that certificate was issued before May 1, 1986; and
 - (2) the certificate was issued under requirements for certification that are comparable to those required for certification in this state, other than examination.
- (c) A two-year exchange certificate shall be issued to each applicant for certification who has not taken and satisfactorily passed the precertification examination if:

- (1) The applicant holds a certificate to teach that is valid in a state which has been approved by the state board of education for an exchange certificate; and
 - (2) the certificate was issued under requirements that are comparable to those required for certification in this state, other than examination.
- (d) This regulation shall be effective on July 1, 1990. (Authorized by K.S.A. 72-1388; implementing K.S.A. 72-1396; effective May 1, 1986; amended March 13, 1989; amended September 3, 1990.)

91-1-27c. Exchange certificate.

Notwithstanding any other requirement for initial certification, any applicant for an initial Kansas teaching certificate, who holds a valid certificate with one or more full endorsements issued by a state which has been approved by the state board of education for exchange certificates, may be issued a two-year certificate, if the applicant's endorsements are based on completion of a state-approved program in the other state. (Authorized by and implementing Article 6, Section 2(a) of the Kansas Constitution; effective September 3, 1990.)

91-1-28. Certification review committee.

- (a) A certification review committee is hereby established to review the qualifications of applicants who desire to be certified in the state of Kansas but who do not satisfy all the requirements for certification as specified in these regulations.
- (b) The certification review committee shall be composed of one chief school administrator, one chairperson of a department of education of a teacher education institution, one building administrator and four classroom teachers. Each member shall be recommended by the teaching and school administration professional standards advisory board, and shall be appointed by the state board.
- (c) The certification review committee shall review cases referred to it by the commissioner of education. The certification review committee shall make a written recommendation to the state board to either approve or deny the application for certification and shall state, in writing, the reasons for the recommendation given. The state board shall review the recommendation of the certification review committee, and shall approve or deny the applications for certification. The applicant shall be notified, in writing, of the decision of the state board. (Authorized by and implementing Article 6, Section 2(a) of the Kansas Constitution; effective January 8, 1982; amended May 1, 1986; amended May 1, 1987; amended June 1, 1988.)

91-1-27. General requirements.

- (a) Initial certification. A certificate shall be issued to those applicants who hold a baccalaureate degree, and have completed an approved program, or to those who are otherwise qualified for certification.
- (b) Application procedures. Application for an initial certificate, a renewal, or a duplicate of the certificate shall be made by the person seeking the certificate. Application for certification shall be made on a form provided by the state department of education. The form shall be filled out completely, including all names under which the applicant has been known. The application shall be submitted by mail or in person, with the correct fee and an official transcript, when required, to the certification section, state department of education.
- (c) Initial certification. Each applicant for an initial certificate who does not hold an advanced degree shall have completed eight semester hours of recent college credit or one year of recent, approved or accredited experience. An applicant who holds an advanced degree shall have completed six semester hours of recent college credit or one year of recent approved or accredited experience.
- (d) Recommendation. Each application for initial certification shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the head of the college, department or school of education of the teacher education institution that a certificate be issued to the applicant. The state board, upon recommendation of the teacher education institution, may limit the area and level of service authorized by a certificate. Certificate applicants shall designate a college or university as a teacher education institution for initial certification purposes.
- (e) Grade point average. Any applicant applying for certification in Kansas based on completion of a state-approved program who has not held a certificate prior to September 1, 1985, in Kansas or any other state, shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 grade point system.
- (f) Period of validity of certificates.
 - (1) A certificate shall be effective on the date the holder of the certificate completes the requirements and submits the application that is necessary to entitle the holder to the certificate.
 - (2) A certificate may be renewed up to 18 months prior to its expiration date.
 - (3) A certification shall expire on the birthday of the holder.
- (g) Equivalency of college credit. The official submitting the teacher education institution recommendation may certify that the applicant has demonstrated proficiency equivalent to the stated semester hour requirement. The recommendation may be substituted for specific hour requirements or for subject and field requirements.
- (h) Certification fee. The state board shall set the certification fee subject to K.S.A. 72-1387 and shall provide information regarding the current fee.

- (i) Certificate registration. Each teacher or other certified person employed in a public school shall file a valid certificate in the office of the superintendent of the district in which the person is employed. *(Authorized by and implementing Article 6, Section 2(a) of the Kansas Constitution; effective January 8, 1982; amended May 1, 1984; amended June 1, 1988.)*

91-1-27a. Precertification examination.

- (a) On and after May 1, 1986, an initial certificate to teach shall be issued only to those applicants who have taken and satisfactorily passed the precertification examination prescribed by the state board.
- (b) The precertification examination is confidential and the specific contents thereof shall be disclosed only for the purpose of administering the examination.
- (c) Applicants may take the examination without limitation as to frequency.
- (d) General information regarding the precertification examination may be obtained by contacting the state department of education. *(Authorized by K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 72-1388, as amended by sec. 1 of 1985 HB 2461; implementing K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 72-1388, as amended by sec. 1 of 1985 HB 2461, 72-1394; effective May 1, 1986.)*

91-1-27b. Exemptions from precertification examination.

- (a) The precertification examination requirements set forth in K.A.R. 91-1-27a shall not apply if application is made for:
 - (1) A certificate with an endorsement or endorsements only in an area or areas that do not require the completion of a state-approved teacher education program;
 - (2) a certificate issued with an endorsement which does not require student teaching as a prerequisite for classroom instruction;
 - (3) a certificate with a substitute teaching endorsement only; and
 - (4) a nonrenewable certificate valid only through June 30 of the school year for which the certificate is issued. Each applicant seeking this certificate shall meet all other requirements for the issuance of an initial certificate to teach, and shall provide written verification from an administrator of an accredited or approved local education agency that the applicant will be employed if the certificate is issued.
- (b) An initial certificate to teach shall be issued to each applicant for certification who has not taken and satisfactorily passed the precertification examination if:
 - (1) The applicant holds a certificate to teach that is valid in another state and that certificate was issued before May 1, 1986; and