

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:20-9-9

Reports and records for attendance, enrollment, and transportation [AMENDED]

a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

Pursuant to House Bill 2933 (2018), the rule that addresses processing fees for teaching certificates is being amended to provide for the one-time fee waiver now required by state law for low-income individuals as defined by 59 O.S. § 4003. This statutory definition of "low-income individual" includes recipients of state or federal public assistance programs, including but not limited to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Medicaid, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). An individual whose household adjusted gross income is below 140% of the federal poverty threshold is also eligible for the one-time waiver of certification fees.

b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**

The rule change will affect applicants for initial educator certification, and applicants for renewal of educator certification, who meet the statutory guidelines for identification as a "low-income individual." The costs of the proposed rule change in the form of waived certification fees will be borne by the State Department of Education.

c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The rule change will benefit low-income applicants for initial or renewal educator certification.

d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon political subdivisions or affected classes as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.

e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**

There is not a specific estimate of the implementation cost to the agency in the form of certification fees waived for low-income applicants, as the agency does not historically collect data on the income level or public assistance program participation of certification applicants. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.

f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time.

- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

- k. **Date Prepared:** October 30, 2018