ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1703

By: Bryant and Ferguson of the House

and

Wright of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; creating the Charter Schools Task Force; excluding home-based schools from study; providing for appointments, terms, officers, quorums, reimbursement, staff, office space, supplies, equipment, powers and duties of such Task Force; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31, 1995, a Task Force to be known as the Charter Schools Task Force. The duties of the Task Force shall be to conduct a study and to make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature and the State Board of Education on the creation of charter schools and on the use of private management in the public schools of this state. In this effort, the Task Force shall seek out and enlist the aid of entities in both the public and private sectors.

B. This study on charter schools shall not include or contemplate home-based schools as charter schools.

C. The Charter Schools Task Force shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members to be appointed by August 1, 1995, as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint seven members as follows:

a. one member shall be an appointee from the State Board of Education or designee,

b. two members shall be teachers, one from a public school and one from a private school,

c. two members shall be school administrators, one from a public school district and one from the private sector,

d. one member shall be a business person from the private sector, and

e. one member shall be a public school board member.

Except for one member appointed at large, no more than one appointee of the Governor shall be a resident of each congressional district;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint seven members as follows:

a. two members shall be teachers, one from a public school district with less than two thousand (2,000) ADM and one from a public school district with two thousand (2,000) or more ADM,

b. two members shall be school administrators, one from a public school district and one from the private sector,

c. two members shall be business persons from the private sector, and

d. one member shall be a public school board member.

Except for one member appointed at large, no more than one appointee of the Speaker shall be a resident of each congressional district; and

3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint seven members as follows:

a. two members shall be teachers, one from a public school and one from a private school,

b. two members shall be school administrators, one from a public school district with less than two thousand (2,000) ADM and one from a public school district with two thousand (2,000) or more ADM,

c. two members shall be business persons from the private sector, and

d. one member shall be a public school board member.

Except for one member appointed at large, no more than one appointee of the President Pro Tempore shall be a resident of each congressional district.

D. Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The Task Force shall elect officers and a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The members shall be reimbursed for actual travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. Provision of meeting space, office space and equipment, staff services, supplies, and publication of reports and other documents shall be the responsibility of the State Board of Education.

F. In its considerations on charter schools and privatization of management, the Charter Schools Task Force shall make recommendations concerning the:

1. Establishment of a clearinghouse for the exchange of information and sharing of ideas regarding successful examples in other states; and

2. Development of community-based pilot projects in public and private sectors in urban and rural areas of this state.

G. The Task Force shall file a report containing findings and recommendations with the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the

Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the State Board of Education on or before January 1, 1996.

SECTION 2. NONCODIFICATION Section 1 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate