

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 632

By: Williams (Penny) of the  
Senate

and

McCorkell of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 8,  
Chapter 308, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by  
Section 6, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1994 (70 O.S. Supp.  
1994, Section 6-178), which relates to the Oklahoma  
Commission for Teacher Preparation; modifying  
membership; providing for quorum; and declaring an  
emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 8, Chapter 308, O.S.L.  
1992, as last amended by Section 6, Chapter 224, O.S.L. 1994 (70  
O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 6-178), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-178. A. There is hereby created, to continue until  
July 1, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
Statutes, the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. The  
Commission shall be composed of ~~thirty-three (33)~~ thirty-five (35)  
members ~~to~~, ten of whom shall be ex officio voting members and  
twenty-five of whom shall be regular voting members. A majority of  
the regular voting members of the Commission shall constitute a  
quorum. Ex officio voting members shall include four members of the  
House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, four members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chancellor of Higher Education and the Director of the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education. Regular voting members shall be appointed as follows:

1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
  - ~~a.~~ ~~four members from the Oklahoma House of Representatives,~~
  - ~~b.~~ three public school teachers who are employees of an Oklahoma public school district,
  - ~~c.~~ b. one member from a private Oklahoma institution of higher education who is on the teacher education faculty,
  - ~~d.~~ c. one member from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is on the arts and sciences faculty,
  - ~~e.~~ d. two lay persons who each have at least one child who is a student in an elementary or secondary public school in this state,
  - ~~f.~~ e. one member with experience in services to children and youth,
  - ~~g.~~ f. one member who is a superintendent of an area vocational-technical school district, ~~and~~
  - ~~h.~~ g. one member who is a principal of an Oklahoma elementary public school, and
  - h. one member with experience in early childhood education in a public school or a higher education institution;
2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:
  - ~~a.~~ ~~four members from the Oklahoma State Senate,~~
  - ~~b.~~ three public school teachers who are employees of an Oklahoma public school district,

- ~~e.~~ b. one member from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is on the teacher education faculty,
- ~~d.~~ c. one member from a private Oklahoma institution of higher education who is on the arts and sciences faculty,
- ~~e.~~ d. one lay person who has at least one child who is a student in an elementary or secondary public school in this state,
- ~~f.~~ e. one member who is a leader in business in the state,
- ~~g.~~ f. one member who is a public school superintendent of an Oklahoma public school,
- ~~h.~~ g. one member who is a principal of an Oklahoma secondary public school, ~~and~~
- ~~i.~~ h. one member who is an undergraduate student, and
- i. one member with experience in early childhood education in a public school or a higher education institution; and

3. Two members, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

~~4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall serve as a member of the Commission;~~

~~5. The Chancellor of Higher Education shall serve as a member of the Commission; and~~

~~6. The Director of the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education shall serve as a member of the Commission.~~

B. Members of the Commission, except legislative members, shall be reimbursed for attendance at Commission meetings by the appointing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, except as otherwise provided by law. Legislative members shall be

reimbursed in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate from among legislative members of the Commission a chairperson and vice-chairperson.

D. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation may contract for services or employ staff, as needed, to fulfill its duties and responsibilities. The Commission may enter into a contract which includes an agreement with a state agency, board or commission to provide administrative support to the Commission.

E. Members of the Commission shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, which prohibits the holding of any other office during the member's term of office on the Commission.

F. Staff assistance shall be provided by the State Department of Education, the State Regents for Higher Education, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Legislative Service Bureau.

G. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall develop the new teacher preparation system with assistance and recommendations from the State Board of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

H. The Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall appoint a subcommittee on administrator preparation. The integrated subcommittee on administrator preparation shall:

1. Study and summarize how administrators are currently being prepared for administrative responsibilities in Oklahoma and how administrators are prepared for administrative responsibilities in other states and nationwide, and make any recommendations on any other issues that the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation deems necessary to fulfill the directives and purposes of this act;

2. Study and summarize the current state of the art concerning administrator preparation;

3. Study the current Oklahoma administrator preparation curriculum;

4. Review recommendations of national and state organizations and accrediting associations that have issued reports on administrator preparation;

5. Interview the education faculties at public and private higher education institutions on recommendations for changes to the current administrator preparation curriculum;

6. Interview parents and legal guardians of school-age children on their recommendations for changes to the current administrator preparation curriculum;

7. Examine the methodology used by the State Department of Education in monitoring higher education schools and colleges of education in Oklahoma;

8. Make recommendations on the feasibility and practicality of requiring administrators to have teaching responsibilities in the classroom; and

9. Make recommendations on policies and programs for administrator preparation that need to be modified and changed and incorporated into the new teacher preparation system and on recommendations for changes in the administrator preparation curriculum that will improve the quality of administrator preparation and education in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state.

SECTION 2. 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 Senate the 8th day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives