ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Long (Lewis) of the Senate

and

Roberts of the House

[schools - Joint Legislative Committee Review for Class Size Limitations - assistance - distribution]

WHEREAS, 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-113.3, as last amended by Section 7, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 18-113.3), provides that beginning with the 1997-98 school year, no teacher who is counted in class size computation for grades seven through twelve shall be responsible for the instruction of more than one hundred twenty students on any given six-hour school day; and

WHEREAS, this class size limitation will have a significant fiscal impact upon many public schools in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created until July 1, 1996, the Joint Legislative Committee for Review of Class Size Limitations. The Committee shall be charged with a thorough study and evaluation of the fiscal impact of the 1997-98 school year class size limitations upon the school districts of this state as required by Section 18-113.3 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Committee shall prepare a report to be submitted by January 1, 1996, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House

of Representatives, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and other public and private entities.

SECTION 2. A. The Legislative Committee for Review of Class Size Limitations shall be composed of twelve (12) members, as follows:

1. Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;

2. Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Education;

3. Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, who shall serve as chair of the Committee;

4. Chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, who shall serve as vice-chair of the Committee;

5. Four members of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate on or before July 1, 1995; and

6. Four members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before July 1, 1995.

B. Members shall be reimbursed for attendance at Committee meetings pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The staffs of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall provide staff assistance as necessary to assist the Committee in the performance of its duties.

SECTION 3. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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