

ENROLLED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 15

By: Long (Lewis) of the Senate

and

Roberts, Satterfield,
Widener, Settle and
Deutschendorf of the House

A Joint Resolution relating to schools; creating the Joint Legislative Committee for Review of Class Size Limitations and Student Schedules; stating charge of Committee; requiring certain report; providing for membership; providing for reimbursement and staff; and providing for distribution.

WHEREAS, 70 O.S. 1991, Section 18-113.3, as 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 and Student Schedules. 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. Provided further, the Committee shall be charged with the review of various alternative schedules being developed by school districts. Such review shall include, but not be limited to: schedule structure, amount of instructional time, student reaction and performance and use of facilities. 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, upon request, to other public and private entities.

SECTION 2. A. The Legislative Committee for Review of Class Size Limitations and Student Schedules 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; and

6. Four members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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 May, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives