

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1039 By: Eddins

A Resolution establishing the Adult Literacy Advisory Committee; outlining duties; providing for membership; and providing for travel reimbursement.

WHEREAS, the ability to read well is one of the most basic and necessary elements of leading a productive and self-sufficient life; and

WHEREAS, knowing how to read provides a foundation for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly 400,000 Oklahoma adults are functionally illiterate; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 80 community- and library-based volunteer literacy organizations serving the people of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, there are 42 Adult Learning Centers offering basic education opportunities to adults across the state; and

WHEREAS, there are other efforts under way across the state to improve the reading ability of Oklahomans, such as the Literacy Channel operated by the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority; and

WHEREAS, effective cooperation and collaboration among all providers of literacy services are crucial to the overall success of each program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT an Adult Literacy Advisory Committee shall be established for the purpose of reviewing existing adult literacy programs and making recommendations of ways to better serve the needs of the adult population.

THAT the Adult Literacy Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following members:

1. Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed as chairman of the Committee by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2. One member who is employed in the Lifelong Learning Division of the State Department of Education to be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction;

3. One member who is employed by the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education and who works in adult education to be appointed by the Director of the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education;

4. One member who is employed in the Literacy Resource Office of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to be appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries;

5. One member who is employed by the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority and who works with the Literacy Channel to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority;

6. Two members who are directors of local adult basic education programs to be appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

7. Four members who work with local volunteer adult literacy programs to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8. One member who serves as the Coordinator of the Oklahoma Literacy Clearinghouse at Northeastern State University; and

9. Two members who represent the business or industry community to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THAT the Adult Literacy Advisory Committee shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 4, 1999.

THAT nonlegislative members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for serving on the Committee, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. State agency employees who are members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

2. All other nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by the appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT legislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 1st day of April,
1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives