

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2229

By: Askins of the House

and

Harrison of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-130, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 6-130), which relates to the Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee; re-creating such Advisory Committee.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 6-130, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 6-130), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-130. A. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall have authority to administer the Minority Teacher Recruitment Center. Upon recommendations and advice from the Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee created pursuant to subsection B of this section, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are hereby directed to work with the State Board of Education in the interests of recruiting, retaining and placing minority teachers in the public schools of the State of Oklahoma. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The provision and coordination of support services to teacher training programs in the appropriate state institutions of higher education, including mentoring and financial assistance to minority students who intend to become teachers;

2. The development and implementation of standards for effective multicultural teacher training, as required in Section 6-194 of this title;

3. The establishment of a recruiting program for potential minority teachers complete with focus on specific audiences, including high school juniors and seniors who qualify for loans and scholarships;

4. The hosting of conferences designed to improve professional practices that effect minority teacher recruitment and retention; and

5. The creation of activities in the public and private schools of Oklahoma which enhance the image of the teaching profession. Such activities shall include the encouragement of future teacher clubs and the creation of a program similar to the South Carolina Teacher Cadet Program, which seeks to offer students of good academic ability the opportunity to study the art and science of teaching.

B. There is hereby created until July 1, ~~1998~~ 2004, in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, a Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee which shall have oversight over implementation of the Minority Teacher Recruitment Center and shall advise the operation of such Center. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of twenty-five (25) members who shall serve for a term of two (2) years unless no longer eligible. ~~Initial appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this act.~~ Beginning in 1993, appointments shall be made by July 1 with members serving a term of two (2) years. Members shall serve

for a term of two (2) years unless no longer eligible. The Advisory Committee members shall be appointed as follows:

1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
  - a. two members from the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
  - b. two members from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
  - c. one member who is an employee of an Oklahoma public school district,
  - d. two members representing the Teacher Cadet Program,
  - e. two members representing the Pro Team Program,
  - f. one member representing a multi-cultural service center, and
  - g. one member from a community with a high minority population;
2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:
  - a. two members from the Oklahoma State Senate,
  - b. two members from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
  - c. one member who is an employee of an Oklahoma public school district,
  - d. two members representing the Teacher Cadet Program,
  - e. two members representing the Pro Team Program,
  - f. one member representing a multi-cultural service center, and
  - g. one member from a community with a high minority population;
3. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee shall serve as a member of the Advisory Committee;
4. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee shall serve as a member of the Advisory Committee;

5. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation or a designee shall serve as a member of the Advisory Committee;

6. Members of the Advisory Committee shall be reimbursed for attendance at the Advisory Committee meeting by the appointing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act;

7. Members of the Advisory Committee shall designate from among the members a chairperson and vice-chairperson;

8. Staff assistance shall be provided by the Minority Teacher Recruitment Center; and

9. The Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee shall:

- a. make recommendations on the annual operating budget of the Minority Teacher Recruitment Center and verify that the funds allocated to the Center through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education are utilized exclusively by the Center by function,
- b. advise the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education of unmet needs within the state in the implementation of the Center's activities,
- c. annually comment publicly on the progress of the Center,
- d. assist the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in developing and reporting information about the Center when necessary,
- e. meet as often as necessary to conduct business, and
- f. keep official minutes of the Committee meetings which shall be made available to the public.