

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1342

By: Davis and Collins of the
House

and

Laughlin of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act Task Force; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership; providing for officers and meetings; stating duties; requiring report by certain date; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for staffing; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created to continue until February 1, 2000, the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study and prepare recommendations concerning implementation of the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

1. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or designee;

2. The State Treasurer or designee;

3. The Secretary of Education or designee;

4. The Director of the Office of State Finance or designee;

5. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

7. Three members appointed by the Governor.

C. The first meeting of the Task Force shall be called by the Secretary of Education. At the first meeting the Task Force shall select a chairperson from among the members. Thereafter, meetings shall be held at the call of the chairperson.

D. The Task Force shall:

1. Study and review prepaid tuition programs from other states;
2. Study how implementation of the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act can be coordinated with the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Act;
3. Make recommendations on ways to implement the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act; and
4. Make recommendations on necessary amendments or changes in the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act.

E. On or before February 1, 2000, the Task Force shall issue a report outlining its recommendation to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

F. Members of the Task Force shall not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body in which they serve;

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

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

G. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided jointly by the Oklahoma House of Representatives staff and the Oklahoma State Senate staff.

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 House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

President of the Senate