

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2142

By: Davis of the House

and

Williams of the Senate

(higher education - amending Section 3, Chapter
379, O.S.L. 1999 - Oklahoma Task Force on
Qualified State Tuition Plans - extension of
termination date of the Task Force -

emergency)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 379, O.S.L.
1999, is amended to read as follows:

A. There is hereby created to continue until February 1, ~~2000~~
2001, the Oklahoma Task Force on Qualified State Tuition Plans. The
purpose of the Task Force shall be to study and prepare
recommendations concerning the viability of the Oklahoma Tuition
Trust Act and its potential for enhancing or detracting from the
implementation of the Oklahoma College Savings Plan 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. The State Auditor and Inspector or designee;

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

7. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

8. Three members appointed by the Governor.

C. The first meeting of the Task Force shall be called by the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. At the first meeting the Task Force shall select a chair from among the members. Thereafter, meetings shall be held at the call of the chair.

D. The Task Force shall:

1. Study and review prepaid tuition programs from other states;

2. Study how the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act could be coordinated with the Oklahoma College Savings Plan Act;

3. Study possible use of state income tax deduction for contributions to qualified state tuition plans; and

4. Make recommendations to repeal or implement with any necessary amendments the Oklahoma Tuition Trust Act.

E. On or before February 1, ~~2000~~ 2001, the Task Force shall issue a report outlining its recommendation to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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 State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives 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 7th day of March, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

President of the Senate