STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE BILL NO. 89 By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3-116, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 191, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 3-116), which relates to the Education Oversight Board; modifying membership residency requirements; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 3-116, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 191, O.S.L. 1997 (70 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 3-116), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-116. A. There is hereby created the Education Oversight Board. The membership of the Education Oversight Board shall consist of:

1. The Chairperson of the Education Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

2. The Chairperson of the Education Committee of the Senate;

3. Two members, who are not legislators, appointed by the Governor;

4. Two members, who are not legislators, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

5. Two members, who are not legislators, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

6. One member, who is not a legislator, appointed jointly by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The two Education Committee Chairpersons shall serve as nonvoting members of the Board as long as each holds that position in such chairperson's respective house. The terms of the appointed members shall be staggered. The initial term of the first member appointed by the Governor shall expire on June 30, 1996. The initial term of the first member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall expire on June 30, 1995. The initial term of the first member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall expire on June 30, 1994. The initial term of the second member appointed by the Governor shall expire on June 30, 2002. The initial term of the second member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall expire on June 30, 2001. The initial term of the second member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall expire on June 30, 2000. The initial term of the member appointed jointly by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall expire on June 30, 1999. The terms of the seven appointed members shall begin on July 1 of the year the preceding term expires. All terms scheduled to begin on or before June 30, 1997, shall be for three (3) years. Except for the initial terms of the second members appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the member appointed jointly, all terms scheduled to begin on or after July 1, 1997, shall be for five (5) years. ~~No more than one appointed member may reside in any one Congressional District, county, city or town.~~ At least one appointed member must reside in each congressional district. If a vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the office was previously filled.

B. A chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be elected annually from the membership of the Board. A quorum which shall consist of four voting members must be present for the transaction of any

business. Members shall be reimbursed for travel in the performance of their official duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

C. The Education Oversight Board shall have oversight over implementation of:

1. The provisions of Enrolled House Bill No. 1017 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the 42nd Oklahoma Legislature; and

2. The provisions of the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act.

D. The Education Oversight Board shall govern the operation of the Office of Accountability created in Section 3-117 of this title. The Secretary of Education shall be the chief executive officer of the Office of Accountability.

E. Legislators who serve on the Education Oversight Board shall be exempt from the dual office holding prohibitions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. 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.

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