

COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

February 22, 2001

MR. SPEAKER: We, your Committee on APPROPRIATIONS AND
BUDGET to whom was referred HOUSE BILL NO. 1600
by: MORGAN

entitled

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 21, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 2000 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-200), which relates to professional development institutes; directing the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to develop professional development institutes for teachers in low-performing middle grades schools; providing for contents of the institutes; establishing length of the institutes; allowing for teacher stipends; authorizing the Commission to expand the institutes for all middle grades teacher; amending Section 10, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 1995 (70 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 6-189), which relates to licensure and certification system; directing the State Board of Education to adopt licensure and certification competencies for middle grades; stating certain options; prohibiting school districts from employing middle grades teachers without a middle grades license or certificate; allowing school districts to employ certain teachers for certain time; requiring certain teachers to obtain middle grade certification by a certain date; allowing certain teachers to take certain examination free of charge; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

beg leave to report that we had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the recommendation that it

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Mike Mass,
Chairman