

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker  
and  
Mr. President:

We, your Conference Committee to whom was referred Engrossed House Bill No. 2345, and Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, by: STAGGS and EASLEY of the House and CRUTCHFIELD of the SENATE entitled:

An Act relating to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 1419, which relates to the Oklahoma School for the Blind and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf; modifying employment authority of the Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services; defining certain professionals and other staffing; providing for powers and duties of the Director; providing for duties and compensation of employees; providing for benefits for certain specialist; making certain personnel eligible for membership in the Teachers' Retirement System; providing for adoption of personnel policies; requiring rulemaking by a certain date; establishing requirements for professional development programs; authorizing certain disciplinary action; making hearings subject to the Administrative Procedures Act; making certain action not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act; providing for notification regarding certain contracts; removing out-of-date language; authorizing the selection of a bargaining unit; requiring recognition by the Commission; providing for trials de novo and for appeals for dismissal or nonrenewal of certain contracts; providing procedures; providing exceptions; providing for petitions, hearings and other proceedings; providing for application of certain principals; providing for written findings; requiring certain judgments; authorizing extensions; making certain decision binding; specifying exceptions; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Sections 840-5.3 and 840-5.12, which relate to the Oklahoma Personnel Act; modifying categories of employees; making certain superintendents unclassified state employees; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendments No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8 and that the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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