

COMMITTEE REPORT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

February 19, 2002

MR. SPEAKER: We, your Committee on
Common Education
to whom was referred House Bill 2345
by: Staggs

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not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act; providing for notification regarding certain contracts; removing out-of-date language; authorizing the selection of a bargaining unit; requiring recognition by the Commission; providing for trials de novo and for appeals for dismissal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 had the same under consideration and herewith return the Committee Substitute therefor with the recommendation that it

DO PASS as coauthored by Easley of the House and Crutchfield (Principal Senate Author)

Rep. Larry D.

Roberts, Chairman