

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1914

By: Miller (Ray) of the House
and
Morgan of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force on Career-Technology Professional Certification; stating purpose of the task force; stating membership; stating duties; requiring a report; providing for meetings, officers, staffing and travel reimbursement; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created to continue until January 31, 2002, the Task Force on Career-Technology Professional Certification. The purpose of the task force shall be to study the procedures and standards for professional certification of career-technology educators and to prepare recommendations for legislative and other action needed.

B. The task force shall be composed of eighteen (18) members as follows:

1. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

3. Two members who are teachers at a technology center school district, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

4. Two members who are administrators at a technology center school district to be appointed by the Governor;

5. One member who is a public school superintendent of an Oklahoma public school district that is a part of a career technology center school district to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6. One member who is a public school superintendent of an Oklahoma public school district that has at least one career and technology program in the district to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7. Two members who are teachers in a career and technology program at an Oklahoma public school district to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8. One member from an institution of higher education in The Oklahoma System of Higher Education who is on the teacher education faculty who teaches career and technology teacher education courses to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

9. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education or a designee;

10. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee;

11. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation;

12. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee; and

13. The Secretary of Education.

C. The task force shall:

1. Study the professional certification standards for career-technology educators from other states and national certification entities;

2. Review the professional certification standards and requirements for career-technology educators seeking certification in the state;

3. Make recommendations on revising or adopting new professional certification standards and requirements for career-technology educators in the state.

D. On or before January 31, 2002, the task force shall issue a final report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, and appropriate state agencies.

E. The first meeting of the task force shall be no later than September 1, 2001. Members of the task force shall select a chair from the membership of the task force. The task force shall meet at such times and places as deemed necessary to perform its duties as specified in this section. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair.

F. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the legislative staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall provide such staff support and resources as are required by the task force.

G. Members of the task force shall receive no 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. Members of the task force who are officers or employees of the state 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. Other task force members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in performance of their duties on the task force by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of February, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the Senate