

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 45

By: Williams of the Senate

and

Nations of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Joint Select Committee on Teacher Recruitment, Preparation, and Development; stating duties; requiring report to certain officials and setting deadline; stating number and qualifications of members; providing for appointment; providing for vacancies; providing for meetings and stating quorum requirement; prohibiting compensation of members; authorizing reimbursement for travel expenses; and requiring the Senate and the House of Representatives to provide staff assistance.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's system of teacher recruitment, preparation, and development should be responsive to the needs of school children in this state; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's system of teacher recruitment, preparation, and development should provide opportunities for diversified approaches and innovation within the system; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma should have a system elastic enough to recruit the best individuals for our classroom teachers, from the traditional teacher preparation route to mid-career professionals seeking to become teachers, and to alleviate shortages experienced by school districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created the Joint Select Committee on Teacher Recruitment, Preparation, and Development which

shall continue in existence until December 31, 2002, unless earlier terminated or extended. The Committee shall evaluate Oklahoma's system of teacher recruitment, preparation, and development and may recommend any needed reforms. The Committee shall submit its report in writing no later than December 31, 2002, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

B. The Committee shall be composed of sixteen (16) persons to be appointed no later than July 31, 2001, as follows:

1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate and three persons who are not members of the Legislature; and

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the House of Representatives and three persons who are not members of the Legislature.

C. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

SECTION 2. A. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall name the chair of the Joint Select Committee on Teacher Recruitment, Preparation, and Development. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall name the vice-chair.

B. The initial meeting of the Committee shall be convened by the chair no later than August 31, 2001.

C. After the initial meeting, the Committee shall meet at the call of the chair or, if the chair should become vacant, at the call of the vice-chair.

D. Nine members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of any business.

SECTION 3. A. Members of the Joint Select Committee on Teacher Recruitment, Preparation, and Development shall receive no compensation for serving on the Committee, but may receive reimbursement for travel expenses as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Committee shall receive reimbursement by the legislative body in which they serve for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. State agency employees who are members of the Committee 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. All other Committee members shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

B. The Oklahoma Senate and Oklahoma House of Representatives shall provide staff assistance to the Committee.

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