ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2145

By: Lindley, Braddock, Sullivan, Toure, Calvey and Hamilton of the House

and

Leftwich (Debbe) of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; creating the Advancement of Hispanic Students in Higher Education Task Force; providing for termination of task force; stating purpose; providing for membership; requiring annual report; providing for staffing; providing for reimbursement of travel expenses; requiring members to be registered voters of this state; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1 strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to schools; creating the Advancement of Hispanic Students in Higher Education Task Force; providing for termination of task force; stating purpose; providing for membership; stating certain requirements for members; requiring annual report; providing for staffing; providing for reimbursement of travel expenses; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3242.1 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Advancement of Hispanic Students in Higher Education Task Force, to continue until July 1, 2009, when it shall be terminated.

B. The purpose of the Advancement of Hispanic Students in Higher Education Task Force is:

1. To monitor the implementation and administration of the policy required in Section 3242 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes

for resident tuition for certain students enrolled in an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education; and

2. To study, report and make recommendations on the issues involving recruitment, retention, and completion of Hispanic students in higher education in Oklahoma. Such issues shall include, but not be limited to:

a. demographics on Hispanic students and the Hispanic population in general,

b. occupational and socioeconomic data on the Hispanic population,

c. academic data on Hispanic students and the Hispanic population in general, and

d. programs and strategies to improve and expand the academic success of Hispanic students.

C. The task force shall be comprised as follows:

1. The Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, or a designee;

2. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee;

3. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation, or a designee;

4. Five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated the chair of the task force;

5. Five members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, one of whom shall be designated the vice-chair of the task force; and

6. Five members to be appointed by the Governor.

A majority of the appointed members shall be Hispanic, and effort shall be made to represent the geographic diversity of the state. Members of the task force shall be legal residents of this state. Initial appointments shall be made by September 1, 2004, and

the task force shall hold its first meeting by October 1, 2004. Appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

D. The task force shall issue a report on an annual basis that addresses its purposes, as provided in subsection B of this section, and that may include recommendations to various entities as needed. The report shall be distributed to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, the Chairs of the Common Education and Higher Education Committees in both Houses, the major state education agencies, and any other entities deemed appropriate by the task force.

E. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall provide staffing for the task force. Other state agencies shall cooperate with the task force as requested.

F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but shall be reimbursed for travel pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act by their employing or appointing agencies.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004."

Passed the Senate the 5th day of April, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2004.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives