

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2567

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An Act relating to schools; creating the Middle School Mathematics Task Force; stating purpose of the Task Force; establishing membership; establishing duties; providing for appointments and appointment of cochairs; providing for meetings and staffing; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring a report; providing for noncodification; 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 July 1, 2005, the Middle School Mathematics Task Force. The Task Force shall study and prepare recommendations concerning mathematics education at the middle grade levels in public schools in the state.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

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

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

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

4. Two members of the House of Representatives, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives;

5. Two members of the State Senate, one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the State Senate;

6. One member who is a middle school level mathematics teacher appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7. One member who is a middle school level curriculum director appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

8. One member who is a high school level mathematics teacher appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives;

9. One member who is a high school level curriculum director appointed by the Minority Leader of the State Senate;

10. One member appointed by the Governor from a list submitted by the Oklahoma Council of Teachers of Mathematics;

11. One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor from a list submitted by the Coalition for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics Education in Oklahoma;

12. One member appointed by the Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is a teacher educator in a college or school of education at a higher education institution or an educator in a department or school outside the institution's teacher education unit that is governed by the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma;

13. One member appointed by the Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is a teacher educator in a college or school of education at a higher education institution or an educator in a department or school outside the institution's teacher education unit that is governed by the Board of Regents for Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges; and

14. One member appointed by the Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education who is a teacher educator in a college or school of education at a higher education institution or

an educator in a department or school outside the institution's teacher education unit that is governed by the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges.

C. The Task Force shall:

1. Review and make recommendations about the mathematics content, preparation and degree requirements of teacher candidates at institutions of higher education in Oklahoma, including but not limited to an evaluation of the readiness of elementary and middle level teacher candidates to teach mathematics upon graduation;

2. Review and make recommendations about middle school level mathematics teacher licensure and certification requirements, including but not limited to the certification levels in mathematics, the adequacy and rigor of the Oklahoma Subject Area Tests in mathematics, the opportunities and effectiveness of professional development for mathematics teachers, and alternative certification requirements;

3. Evaluate the need to revise and expand or reduce student testing in the area of mathematics under the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act, including but not limited to adding end of instruction tests for Algebra II and geometry;

4. Make recommendations on ways to provide more support and resources to mathematics teachers; and

5. Review and make recommendations on how school districts schedule the progression of mathematics courses for students.

D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 1, 2004.

E. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall each designate a cochair from among the members of the Task Force.

F. The cochairs of the Task Force shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or before September 30, 2004. Further meetings of the Task Force shall be called by either cochairs.

G. 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.

H. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities or respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

I. On or before January 1, 2005, the Task Force shall issue a report of its recommendations to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, and the Governor.

SECTION 2. 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.

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