

THE STATE SENATE  
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Committee Substitute for  
ENGROSSED  
House Bill No. 2145

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 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;  
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

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

5           a. demographics on Hispanic students and the Hispanic  
6 population in general,  
7           b. occupational and socioeconomic data on the Hispanic  
8 population,  
9           c. academic data on Hispanic students and the Hispanic  
10 population in general, and  
11           d. programs and strategies to improve and expand the  
12 academic success of Hispanic students.

13           C. The task force shall be comprised as follows:

14           1. The Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
15 Education, or a designee;  
16           2. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a  
17 designee;  
18           3. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for  
19 Teacher Preparation, or a designee;  
20           4. Five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
21 House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated the chair  
22 of the task force;

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

4           6. Five members to be appointed by the Governor.

5           A majority of the appointed members shall be Hispanic, and  
6 effort shall be made to represent the geographic diversity of the  
7 state. Initial appointments shall be made by September 1, 2004, and  
8 the task force shall hold its first meeting by October 1, 2004.

9 Appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

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

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

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

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 3-29-04 - DO  
7 PASS, As Amended.