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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Monday, February 24, 2003**

**Senate Bill No. 799**

SENATE BILL NO. 799 - By: WILLIAMS of the Senate and BLACKBURN of the House.

An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force 2007 Act; providing short title and stating purpose; creating task force and providing for appointment of members; establishing qualifications for appointed members; establishing power of designees; establishing quorum requirements; providing for reimbursement of travel expenses; requiring State Department of Education to provide assistance; requiring certain report; 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. Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Task Force 2007 Act".

B. It is the finding of the Oklahoma Legislature that dramatic improvements in educational opportunities are needed in Oklahoma and that the state has a substantial interest in improving those opportunities for all Oklahomans at every educational level.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby established until January 31, 2007, Task Force 2007.

1           B. The task force shall be composed of twenty-five (25) members  
2 to be appointed by the Governor.

3           C. Appointed and designated members of the task force shall  
4 serve at the pleasure of their appointing or designating  
5 authorities. A vacancy in a position shall be filled in the same  
6 manner as the original appointment or designation.

7           An appointed member may appoint a designee who shall have  
8 authority to speak and vote as the representative of the appointed  
9 member. An appointed member making a designation shall notify the  
10 chair of the task force in writing as to the name of the designee.

11          D. A majority of the appointed members shall constitute a  
12 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

13          E. Members shall receive no compensation for their service on  
14 the task force but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

19           2. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees  
20 shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary  
21 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
22 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement  
23 Act; and

1           3. Members who are not legislators or officers or employees of  
2 the state shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority in  
3 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement  
4 Act.

5           F. The State Department of Education shall provide information  
6 and assistance as requested by the task force.

7           SECTION 3.        NEW LAW        A new section of law not to be  
8 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

9           A. On or before January 31, 2004, the task force shall prepare  
10 a strategic long-range plan for dramatically improving educational  
11 opportunities in Oklahoma by the year 2007. The report and  
12 recommendations shall be submitted in writing to the President Pro  
13 Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
14 the Governor. The report shall include recommendations for any  
15 necessary and appropriate legislation.

16          SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

17          SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-17-03 - DO  
22 PASS, As Coauthored.