

3 Senate Bill No. 423
4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 423 - By: WILCOXSON of the Senate and MILLER (Ray)
6 of the House.

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force on
8 School District Administrative Reorganization; stating
9 purpose of the Task Force; requiring recommendations by a
10 certain date; providing for membership, meetings, staffing,
11 and travel reimbursement; providing for noncodification; and
12 declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
15 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2005, the Task
17 Force on School District Administrative Reorganization. The purpose
18 of the Task Force is to determine how much money can be saved by
19 reorganization of the administrative functions of school districts
20 in the state and the related effects on the efficiency of such
21 functions and academic programs. The Task Force shall also review
22 and analyze data collected by the State Department of Education from
23 school districts of the costs of administrative services as defined
24 in Section 18-124 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

25 B. The Task Force shall make recommendations to the Legislature
26 by December 31, 2005.

1 C. The Task Force shall consist of nineteen (19) members,
2 appointed as follows:

3 1. Three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
4 House of Representatives, as follows:

5 a. one school administrator representing a medium school
6 district with an average daily attendance of more than
7 one thousand (1,000) but less than ten thousand
8 (10,000),

9 b. one classroom teacher, and

10 c. one parent of a student in the public schools;

11 2. Three members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
12 of the State Senate, as follows:

13 a. one school administrator representing a large school
14 district with an average daily attendance of ten
15 thousand (10,000) or more,

16 b. one classroom teacher, and

17 c. one parent of a student in the public schools who is
18 also a member of a school district board of education;

19 3. Six members to be appointed by the Governor, as follows:

20 a. four members who are either an owner, officer, or
21 executive for a business or industry located in the
22 state,

1 b. one school administrator representing a small school
2 district with an average daily attendance of one
3 thousand (1,000) or less, and
4 c. one member of a school district board of education;
5 4. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be
6 appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Oklahoma House of
7 Representatives;
8 5. One member of the State Senate to be appointed by the
9 Minority Leader of the State Senate;
10 6. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
12 7. One member of the State Senate to be appointed by the
13 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
14 8. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a
15 designee;
16 9. One member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
17 the State Senate, who shall serve as chair of the task force; and
18 10. One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives, who shall serve as vice chair of the task force.
20 D. The first meeting of the Task Force shall take place no
21 later than September 1, 2005. The Task Force shall meet at such
22 times and places as deemed necessary to perform its duties as
23 specified in this section. Meetings shall be held at the call of

1 either cochair. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by
2 the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the State
3 Senate, and the State Department of Education.

4 E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
5 serving on the Task Force, but may receive travel reimbursement as
6 follows:

7 1. Legislative members of the Task Force may be reimbursed for
8 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties in
9 accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
10 from the legislative body in which they serve; and

11 2. Other members of the Task Force may be reimbursed for travel
12 expenses incurred in the performance of duties by the respective
13 appointing authorities in accordance with the State Travel
14 Reimbursement Act.

15 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-14-05 - DO
20 PASS, As Amended.