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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, March 3, 2005

Senate Bill No. 581

SENATE BILL NO. 581 - By: GARRISON of the Senate and KIESEL of the House.

An Act relating to state government and education; creating the Task Force on State Workforce Preparation; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership, meetings, staffing, and travel reimbursement; requiring recommendations by a certain date; 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. There is hereby created until February 1, 2006, the Task Force on State Workforce Preparation. The purpose of the Task Force is to provide the best possible workforce for citizens of this state.

B. The Task Force shall consist of ten (10) members as follows:

- 1. One member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 2. One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3. The director of a state agency with more than one thousand (1,000) employees, to be appointed by the Governor;

1 4. The director of a state agency with less than one thousand
2 (1,000) employees, to be appointed by the Governor;

3 5. The chief executive officer of the largest labor
4 organization representing state employees, to be appointed by the
5 Governor;

6 6. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
7 Education, or designee;

8 7. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
9 Technology Education, or designee;

10 8. The Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission,
11 or designee;

12 9. The Workforce Planning Director at the Oklahoma Department
13 of Commerce; and

14 10. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

15 C. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall
16 convene an organizational meeting of the Task Force no later than
17 September 1, 2005. The members of the Task Force shall elect a
18 chair and vice-chair.

19 D. The Task Force shall meet at such times and places as deemed
20 necessary to perform its duties as specified in this section.
21 Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. Staffing
22 assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the Office of
23 Personnel Management.

1 E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
2 serving on the Task Force, but may receive travel reimbursement as
3 follows:

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

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

12 F. The Task Force shall:

13 1. Identify critical workforce needs of state agencies of this
14 state;

15 2. Profile model employee education programs of other states
16 and the federal government;

17 3. Recommend a cooperative agreement between the Office of
18 Personnel Management, the Oklahoma Department of Career and
19 Technology Education, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
20 Education to provide training to current state employees to assist
21 in achieving state workforce planning objectives; and

22 4. Submit a report on the findings and recommendations of the
23 Task Force to the Governor and Legislature by February 1, 2006.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-14-05 - DO
7 PASS, As Coauthored.