

3 Senate Bill No. 913

4 SENATE BILL NO. 913 - By: WILCOXSON of the Senate and BILLY of the
5 House.

6 An Act relating to schools; creating the Teacher
7 Certification and Evaluation Standards Task Force; stating
8 purpose; providing for appointment of members, officers and
9 staffing; requiring report to certain officials and setting
10 deadline; prohibiting compensation of members; authorizing
11 reimbursement for travel expenses; providing for
12 noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring
13 an emergency.

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

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

17 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2005, the Teacher
18 Certification and Evaluation Standards Task Force. The purpose of
19 the task force shall be to study the teacher certification standards
20 and levels, alternative and additional certification requirements,
21 renewal requirements, and criteria for teacher evaluation.

22 B. The task force shall be composed of fifteen (15) members as
23 follows:

24 1. One member of the State Senate to be appointed by the
25 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

26 2. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be
27 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 1 3. One member of the State Senate to be appointed by the
2 minority leader of the Senate;
- 3 4. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be
4 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- 5 5. Five members appointed by the Governor, as follows:
- 6 a. one representative of a statewide organization
7 representing school administrators,
- 8 b. one representative of a statewide organization
9 representing school board members,
- 10 c. one representative of a statewide organization
11 representing classroom teachers,
- 12 d. one representative of a statewide professional
13 educators association, and
- 14 e. one representative of a statewide coalition for
15 business and education;
- 16 6. A teacher education faculty member from an institution
17 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, to be
18 appointed by the Governor;
- 19 7. A representative of a school district with less than ten
20 thousand students in average daily membership, to be appointed by
21 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

1 8. A representative of a school district with more than ten
2 thousand students in average daily membership, to be appointed by
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

4 9. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;

5 10. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
6 Education; and

7 11. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for
8 Teacher Preparation.

9 C. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate the
10 chair. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate
11 the vice-chair. Staffing assistance shall be provided by the staff
12 of the State Senate and Oklahoma House of Representatives.

13 D. The task force shall present a written report of their
14 findings and recommendations regarding teacher certification
15 standards and levels, alternative and additional certification
16 requirements, renewal requirements, and criteria for teacher
17 evaluation to the Legislature and the Governor by December 1, 2005.

18 E. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
19 serving on the task force, but may receive travel reimbursement as
20 follows:

21 1. Legislative members of the task force may be reimbursed for
22 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties in

1 accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
2 from the legislative body in which they serve;

3 2. Other members of the task force may be reimbursed for
4 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties by
5 the respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State
6 Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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

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