

3 Senate Bill No. 939

4 SENATE BILL NO. 939 - By: WILCOXSON of the Senate and BILLY of the
5 House.

6 An Act relating to schools; stating legislative findings;
7 creating the Administrative and Educational Leadership Task
8 Force; stating purpose; providing for appointment of
9 members; stating duties; requiring report to certain
10 officials and setting deadline; prohibiting compensation of
11 members; authorizing reimbursement for travel expenses;
12 providing for staff assistance; providing for
13 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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. 1. The Legislature finds that effective leadership is
18 inextricably linked to excellence in public education and student
19 academic achievement in public schools. The Standards of the
20 Educational Leadership Constituent Council acknowledge that the
21 principal is the "instructional leader of the school and is
22 responsible for effective school management that promotes student
23 achievement, a safe and secure environment in which to teach and
24 learn, and efficient use of resources" and also recognize the
25 "critically important role of principals to the success of public
26 schools and the students who attend those schools". The differing
27 role and responsibilities of superintendents, principals, assistant

1 principals, and teachers for providing a system of public education
2 of the highest quality merit ongoing consideration and reviews as
3 the State of Oklahoma strives to provide opportunities for learning
4 and achievement for all students.

5 2. A summit on educational leadership has been conducted,
6 embracing the input of participants from the Governor's office, the
7 State Superintendent of Public Instruction, members of the
8 Legislature, and educational stakeholders and practitioners, and
9 prompted by concerns regarding the changing roles and demands of
10 educational leaders, the Legislature finds that it is necessary to
11 create the Administrative and Educational Leadership Task Force to
12 review, study and reform educational leadership.

13 B. There is hereby created until December 31, 2005, the
14 Administrative and Educational Leadership Task Force. The purpose
15 of the task force shall be to review, study and make recommendations
16 to reform educational leadership in this state.

17 C. The task force shall be composed of fifteen (15) members as
18 follows:

19 1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
20 Tempore of the Senate;

21 2. One member of the House of Representatives to be appointed
22 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 1 3. One member of the Senate appointed by the minority leader of
2 the Senate;
- 3 4. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
4 minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- 5 5. One superintendent of an urban school district to be
6 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 7 6. One principal of a rural or suburban school to be appointed
8 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 9 7. One administrator of technology center school appointed by
10 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 11 8. One faculty member from an institution of higher education
12 who teaches in the area of education administration to be appointed
13 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 14 9. Four members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- 15 a. one representative of a statewide organization
16 representing school board members,
- 17 b. one representative of a statewide organization
18 representing school administrators,
- 19 c. one representative of a statewide coalition for
20 business and education, and
- 21 d. one classroom teacher;
- 22 10. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;

1 11. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission for
2 Teacher Preparation or designee; and

3 12. The Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education.

4 D. The Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education
5 shall serve as chair of the task force. The chair shall convene the
6 first meeting of the task force on or before October 1, 2005.

7 E. The task force shall:

8 1. Evaluate the policy environment for educational leadership;

9 2. Propose necessary statutory amendments or changes based on
10 research, surveys, analysis and review of pertinent laws,
11 guidelines, policies, regulations and practices;

12 3. Communicate any relevant findings with recommendations for
13 needed regulatory action regularly to the Legislature and the
14 Governor;

15 4. Provide a forum for educational leaders to report the
16 challenges and effect of their work to the task force; and

17 5. Submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to
18 the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2005.

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

22 1. Legislative members of the task force may be reimbursed for
23 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 G. The staff of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
8 shall provide staff support for the task force. The State
9 Department of Education and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
10 Preparation shall provide information and assistance as requested by
11 the task force.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2005.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-21-05 - DO
14 PASS, As Coauthored.