

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1599

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state employees; creating the Task Force for State Workforce Preparation; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership; providing for appointments, meetings, officers, travel reimbursements, and staffing; stating duties of the Task Force; requiring a report by certain date; providing for noncodification; 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 to continue until July 1, 2006, the Task Force for State Workforce Preparation. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to provide Oklahoma citizens with the best possible governmental workforce to serve the citizens of Oklahoma.

B. The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members to be selected as follows:

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

5. The chief executive officer of the largest labor organization in the state representing state employees appointed by the Governor;

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

7. The State Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education or a designee;

8. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission or a designee;

9. The Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management or a designee; and

10. Workforce Planning Director for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce or a designee.

C. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than July 1, 2005. The first meeting of the Task Force shall be called by the Executive Director of the Office of Personnel Management. Subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the chair or vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair of the Task Force shall be elected by the members at the first meeting of the Task Force.

D. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies or appointing authority for their necessary travel expenses in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State travel Reimbursement Act.

E. Staffing for the Task Force shall be performed by the staff of the Office of Personnel Management and other state agencies as determined necessary by the Task Force.

F. The Task Force shall study the following issues and make a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate by February 1, 2006:

1. Identify critical workforce needs of Oklahoma state agencies;
2. Profile model employee education programs of other states and the federal government; and
3. Recommend a cooperative agreement among the Office of Personnel Management, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to help provide training to current state employees that helps achieve state workforce planning objectives.

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

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