

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 423

By: Wilcoxson of the Senate

and

Miller (Ray) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force on School District Administrative Reorganization or Consolidation; stating purpose of the Task Force; requiring recommendations by a certain date; providing for membership, meetings, staffing, and travel reimbursement; 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 until December 31, 2005, the Task Force on School District Administrative Reorganization or Consolidation. The purpose of the Task Force is to determine how much money can be saved by reorganization and consolidation of the administrative functions of school districts in the state and the related effects on the efficiency of such functions and academic programs. The Task Force shall also review and analyze data collected by the State Department of Education from school districts of the costs of administrative services as defined in Section 18-124 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

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

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

- a. one school administrator representing a medium school district with an average daily attendance of more than one thousand (1,000) but less than ten thousand (10,000),
- b. one classroom teacher, and
- c. one parent of a student in the public schools;

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

- a. one school administrator representing a large school district with an average daily attendance of ten thousand (10,000) or more,
- b. one classroom teacher, and
- c. one parent of a student in the public schools who is also a member of a school district board of education;

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

- a. four members who are either an owner, officer, or executive for a business or industry located in the state,
- b. one school administrator representing a small school district with an average daily attendance of one thousand (1,000) or less, and
- c. one member of a school district board of education;

4. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

5. One member of the State Senate to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the State Senate;

6. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7. One member of the State Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

8. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee;

9. One member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, who shall serve as chair of the task force; and

10. One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall serve as vice chair of the task force.

D. The first meeting of the Task Force shall take place no later than September 1, 2005. The Task Force shall meet at such times and places as deemed necessary to perform its duties as specified in this section. Meetings shall be held at the call of either cochair. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the State Senate, and the State Department of Education.

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

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

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

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.

