

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 581

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AS INTRODUCED

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. The Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

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

D. 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 the chair. Staffing assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the Office of Personnel Management.

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 their 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 their duties by their respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. The Task Force shall:

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. 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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