

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 913

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Teacher Certification and Evaluation Standards Task Force; stating purpose; providing for appointment of members, officers and staffing; requiring report to certain officials and setting deadline; prohibiting compensation of members; authorizing reimbursement for travel expenses; 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 December 31, 2005, the Teacher Certification and Evaluation Standards Task Force. The purpose of the task force shall be to study the teacher certification standards and levels, alternative and additional certification requirements, renewal requirements, and criteria for teacher evaluation.

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

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

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

3. One member of the State Senate to be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

4. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

5. Five members appointed by the Governor, as follows:

- a. one representative of a statewide organization representing school administrators,
- b. one representative of a statewide organization representing school board members,
- c. one representative of a statewide organization representing classroom teachers,
- d. one representative of a statewide professional educators association, and
- e. one representative of a statewide coalition for business and education;

6. A teacher education faculty member from an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, to be appointed by the Governor;

7. A representative of a school district with less than ten thousand students in average daily membership, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

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

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

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

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

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

D. The task force shall present a written report of their findings and recommendations regarding teacher certification standards and levels, alternative and additional certification

requirements, renewal requirements, and criteria for teacher evaluation to the Legislature and the Governor by December 1, 2005.

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;

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

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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