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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1557

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8 An Act relating to children; amending Section 3,
9 Chapter 121, O.S.L. 2003, as amended by Section 1,
10 Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2004 (10 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section
11 640.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Partnership for
12 School Readiness Board; adding members; and declaring
13 an emergency.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 121, O.S.L.
16 2003, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2004 (10 O.S.
17 Supp. 2006, Section 640.1), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 640.1 A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2009,
19 in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Partnership
20 for School Readiness Board. The Board shall promote school
21 readiness supporting community-based efforts to increase the number
22 of children who are ready to succeed by the time they enter school,
23 and shall consist of representatives from the private and public
24 sectors as follows:

1 1. Fifteen private sector representatives appointed by the
2 Governor from a list submitted by an existing private-sector school
3 readiness initiative that includes in its focus community
4 mobilization and public engagement activities to include:

5 a. two parents of children eight (8) years of age or
6 younger, and

7 b. one representative of licensed child care providers;

8 2. One representative of the licensed child care industry
9 appointed by the Governor from a list submitted by an association
10 representing the licensed child care industry in this state; ~~and~~

11 3. One representative of a state association of federally
12 funded early childhood programs appointed by the Governor; and

13 ~~3.~~ 4. To ~~insure~~ ensure that existing resources are being
14 utilized effectively, ~~thirteen~~ fourteen public sector
15 representatives or their designees as follows:

16 a. State Superintendent of Public Instruction,

17 b. State Commissioner of Health,

18 c. Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and
19 Substance Abuse Services,

20 d. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce,

21 e. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries,

22 f. Director of the Department of Human Services,

23 g. Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority,
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- 1 h. Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and
2 Youth,
3 i. Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation
4 Services,
5 j. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Educational
6 Television Authority,
7 k. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
8 Technology Education,
9 l. Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
10 Education, ~~and~~
11 m. Cabinet Secretary with responsibility for education
12 agencies, and
13 n. Dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences,
14 Oklahoma State University.

15 B. Members appointed by the Governor shall serve terms of four
16 (4) years; provided, of those members initially appointed to the
17 Board, eight members shall be appointed for two-year terms,
18 beginning September 1, 2003, and seven members shall be appointed
19 for four-year terms, beginning September 1, 2003, as designated by
20 the Governor. The member appointed pursuant to paragraph 2 of
21 subsection A of this section shall be appointed for an initial term
22 to end on August 31, 2007. Appointed members shall continue in
23 office until a successor is appointed by the Governor. The Governor
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1 shall fill all vacancies in the same manner as the original
2 appointment was made.

3 C. The Director of the Department of Human Services shall
4 convene an organizational meeting of the Oklahoma Partnership for
5 School Readiness Board prior to November 1, 2003, at which time
6 members of the Board shall elect a chair, a vice-chair, and other
7 officers as needed. A majority of the members of the Board shall
8 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

9 D. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for
10 serving on the Board but shall receive travel reimbursement as
11 follows:

12 1. State agency officers and employees who are members of the
13 Board shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the
14 performance of their duties by their respective agencies in
15 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

16 2. Remaining members shall be reimbursed by the Board from any
17 funds received by the Board for travel expenses incurred in the
18 performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel
19 Reimbursement Act.

20 E. Members of the Board shall be exempt from the dual-office-
21 holding provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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