

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL 1880

6 By: Jolley of the Senate

7 and

8 Jones and Kern of the House

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10 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,
11 Chapter 77, O.S.L. 2007, which relates to the
12 Achieving Classroom Excellence II Task Force;
13 extending the task force; continuing service of
14 members; authorizing replacement of members by
15 appointing authorities; requiring certain additional
16 report; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 77, O.S.L.

19 2007, is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1. A. There is hereby created to continue until

21 ~~December 31, 2007~~ November 30, 2008, the Achieving Classroom

22 Excellence II Task Force. The task force shall study the following

23 issues:

24 1. Comparison of the Priority Academic Student Skills with
other states' curricular standards, primarily states that score
highest on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP);

1 2. Alignment of the Priority Academic Student Skills with the
2 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) standards;

3 3. Feasibility of realigning the state performance level
4 standards to NAEP performance level standards;

5 4. Differences in achievement levels among states based on
6 exclusion rates on the NAEP; and

7 5. Feasibility of aligning the cut scores on state-mandated
8 tests to NAEP cut scores.

9 B. The Achieving Classroom Excellence II Task Force shall
10 consist of seven (7) members who shall be selected from among public
11 and private school educators and members of the business community,
12 but shall not include any elected officials, appointed by:

13 1. The Governor;

14 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

15 3. The Co-President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

16 4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

17 5. The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

18 6. Agreement of the Co-Chairs of the Senate Education
19 Committee; and

20 7. The Chair of the House Education Committee.

21 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,
22 2007. The member appointed by the Governor shall convene the first
23 meeting of the task force by September 30, 2007. Members of the
24 task force shall elect a chair from among the membership. A

1 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum
2 to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the
3 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.
4 Members appointed to the task force as of December 31, 2007, shall
5 continue to serve, subject to the appointing authorities' power to
6 replace an appointed member.

7 D. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
8 State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

9 E. Members of the Achieving Classroom Excellence II Task Force
10 shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but
11 shall be reimbursed by their respective appointing authorities for
12 their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
13 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 F. The proceedings of all meetings of the task force shall
15 comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the
16 Oklahoma Open Records Act.

17 G. The task force shall study the subject matter specified in
18 subsection A of this section and submit a:

19 1. A report of findings and recommendations to the Governor and
20 Legislature by December 31, 2007; and

21 2. A follow-up report expanding on the findings and
22 recommendations of the task force as reported pursuant to paragraph
23 1 of this subsection, to include further detail on the specific
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1 recommendations of the task force which shall be presented to the
2 Governor and Legislature by November 30, 2008.

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

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