

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1881

By: Jolley of the Senate
and
Jones of the House

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2007, which relates to the School Funding Formula Task Force; extending the task force; continuing service of members; authorizing replacement of members by appointing authorities; modifying deadline for submission of certain report; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2007, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. A. There is hereby created to continue until ~~December 31, 2007~~ November 30, 2008, the School Funding Formula Task Force. The task force shall review the statutorily created formula for funding the public schools of this state and make recommendations regarding the following:

1. Modernization of the formula;
2. The ability to determine how categorical funds are expended;
3. Issues raised by recent school finance litigation; and
4. Any other modifications to the formula that would enhance the state's ability to provide every child with quality instruction.

B. The School Funding Formula Task Force shall consist of eight (8) members who shall be selected from among public and private school educators and members of the business community, appointed by:

1. The Governor;
2. The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;
3. The Co-President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;
4. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
5. The Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
6. Each of the Co-Chairs of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and
7. The Chair of the House Education Committee.

C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31, 2007. The member appointed by the Governor shall convene the first meeting of the task force by September 30, 2007. Members of the task force shall elect a chair from among the membership. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force. Members appointed to the task force as of December 31, 2007, shall continue to serve, subject to the appointing authorities' power to replace an appointed member.

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

E. Members of the School Funding Formula Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of

their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

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

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

G. The task force shall study the subject matter specified in subsection A of this section and submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by ~~December 31, 2007~~ November 30, 2008.

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."

Passed the Senate the 7th day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives