

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Wednesday, February 27, 2008

House Bill No. 3132

HOUSE BILL NO. 3132 - By: ENNS of the House and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Senate.

An Act relating to public finance; amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 41.5t.2, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 98, O.S.L. 2007 (62 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 41.5t.2), which relates to the Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council; modifying termination date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2001, Section 41.5t.2, as last amended by  
2 Section 3, Chapter 98, O.S.L. 2007 (62 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 41.5t.2), is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Section 41.5t.2 A. There is hereby created, to continue until July 1, ~~2008~~ 2010, the  
5 Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council. The Advisory  
6 Council shall study and make recommendations concerning the accessibility for the  
7 disabled to publicly produced and provided electronic and information technology and to  
8 provide advice and assistance to the Information Services Division of the Office of State  
9 Finance on the development of accessibility standards and complaint procedures as  
10 provided for in Section 41.5t of this title.

11 B. The Advisory Council shall be composed of the following members:

- 1           1. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the  
2 House of Representatives;
- 3           2. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
4 Senate;
- 5           3. The chair of the Science and Technology Committee of the House of  
6 Representatives;
- 7           4. The chair of the Aerospace and Technology Committee of the State Senate;
- 8           5. The Director of the Office of State Finance, or a designee;
- 9           6. The Director of the Department of Central Services, or a designee;
- 10          7. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, or a  
11 designee;
- 12          8. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee;
- 13          9. The State Director of the Oklahoma State Department of Career and Technology  
14 Education, or a designee;
- 15          10. The Director of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped with the  
16 Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation, or a designee;
- 17          11. The Director of the Office of Disability Concerns, or a designee;
- 18          12. A representative of OneNet, the state telecommunications network within the  
19 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
- 20          13. The Project Manager for Oklahoma Able Tech, the state assistive technology  
21 project located at Oklahoma State University;

1           14. A representative of state agency web managers appointed by the Governor from  
2 a list submitted by a state agency web manager group;

3           15. A representative of an association representing education technology  
4 administrators appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5           16. A representative of an association of distance learning education professionals  
6 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7           17. Two representatives of corporations or vendors of information or electronic  
8 technology hardware or software who are knowledgeable or have experience in the field  
9 of assistive technology appointed by the Governor;

10          18. A representative of a corporation or vendor specializing in assistive technology  
11 appointed by the Governor; and

12          19. Four representatives who are individuals with a disability, one who is blind or  
13 visually impaired, one who is deaf or hard of hearing, one with a mobility disability, and  
14 one with a cognitive disability and all of whom are users of information or electronic  
15 technology appointed by the Governor.

16          C. Members who were serving on the Electronic and Information Technology  
17 Accessibility Task Force as of July 1, 2004, shall automatically be appointed to serve on  
18 the Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council after July 1,  
19 2004.

20          D. The Advisory Council shall:

1           1. Make recommendation on action, including legislative action, needed to ensure  
2 that all electronic and information technology produced, procured, or developed by state  
3 agencies are accessible to the disabled;

4           2. Identify disability accessibility standards that are emerging or fully adopted by  
5 national standard organizations;

6           3. Review and make recommendations on disability accessibility initiatives and  
7 legislation undertaken in other states; and

8           4. Provide advice and assistance to the Information Services Division of the Office  
9 of State Finance and the Department of Central Services on the development of  
10 accessibility standards and complaint procedures as provided for in Section 41.5t of this  
11 title.

12           E. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of  
13 the Senate shall each designate a cochair from among the members of the Advisory  
14 Council.

15           F. A majority of the members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum. A  
16 majority of the members present at a meeting may act for the Advisory Council.

17           G. Meetings of the Advisory Council shall be called by either cochair.

18           H. Proceedings of all meetings of the Advisory Council shall comply with the  
19 provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

20           I. The Advisory Council may divide into subcommittees in furtherance of its  
21 purpose.

1 J. Staff of the Oklahoma Able Tech, the state assistive technology project located at  
2 Oklahoma State University, shall serve as primary staff for the Advisory Council.  
3 Appropriate personnel from the Office of State Finance and the Department of Central  
4 Services shall also assist with the work of the Advisory Council.

5 K. The Advisory Council may use the expertise and services of the staffs of the  
6 Oklahoma House of Representatives and State Senate and may, as necessary, seek the  
7 advice and services of experts in the field as well as other necessary professional and  
8 clerical staff.

9 L. All departments, officers, agencies, and employees of this state shall cooperate  
10 with the Advisory Council in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities including, but not  
11 limited to, providing any information, records, or reports requested by the Advisory  
12 Council.

13 M. Members of the Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for their  
14 service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

15 1. Legislative members of the Advisory Council shall be reimbursed for necessary  
16 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the  
17 provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

18 2. Nonlegislative members of the Advisory Council shall be reimbursed by their  
19 appointing authorities or respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred in  
20 the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

1           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
2 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof  
3 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.  
4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
5 TRANSPORTATION, dated 02-26-08 - DO PASS.