

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 1881

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED 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:

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

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

- 7 1. Modernization of the formula;
- 8 2. The ability to determine how categorical funds are expended;
- 9 3. Issues raised by recent school finance litigation; and

1 4. Any other modifications to the formula that would enhance the state's ability to
2 provide every child with quality instruction.

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

6 1. The Governor;

7 2. The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

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

9 4. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

10 5. The Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

11 6. Each of the CoChairs of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education;

12 and

13 7. The Chair of the House Education Committee.

14 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31, 2007. The member
15 appointed by the Governor shall convene the first meeting of the task force by September
16 30, 2007. Members of the task force shall elect a chair from among the membership. A
17 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum to transact business,
18 but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the
19 powers of the task force. Members appointed to the task force as of December 31, 2007,
20 shall continue to serve, subject to the appointing authorities' power to replace an
21 appointed member.

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

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

6 1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for their necessary
7 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section
8 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

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

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

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

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

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 04-14-08 - DO
21 PASS, As Amended.