

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, February 28, 2008

**House Concurrent  
Resolution No. 1057**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1057 - By: JONES of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution relating to student remediation; establishing the Task Force on Student Remediation; providing for appointments; providing for designation of cochairs; providing for meetings and staffing; providing for reimbursement for travel; providing for purpose; and requiring certain report.

1       WHEREAS, thousands of American students graduate high school academically  
2       unprepared for college; and

3       WHEREAS, according to the National Education Summit on High Schools, nearly  
4       one-third of entering postsecondary students require remedial or developmental work  
5       before entering college-level courses; and

6       WHEREAS, according to the February 8, 2007, Annual Student Remediation Report  
7       produced by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the percentage of  
8       Oklahoma students requiring remedial courses is even greater than one-third; and

9       WHEREAS, in an effort to further address the issues relating to student  
10       remediation, the Oklahoma Legislature believes that this serious and complicated  
11       problem requires a comprehensive and multifaceted approach, which involves the

1 creation of a task force with participation from the entire community in order to address  
2 the problem.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA  
5 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 THAT there is hereby created to continue until January 31, 2009, the Task Force on  
7 Student Remediation.

8 THAT the Task Force shall consist of ten (10) members.

9 THAT of the ten members:

10 1. Four shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
11 Representatives as follows:

- 12 a. one shall be the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
13 Education, or designee,
- 14 b. one shall be a superintendent in the public schools,
- 15 c. one shall be a school administrator (including principal) at the  
16 secondary level of the public schools, and
- 17 d. one shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,

18 2. Four shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate as  
19 follows:

- 20 a. one shall be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or  
21 designee,
- 22 b. one shall be a superintendent in the public schools,

1           c.     one shall be an instructor of remedial courses at the community college  
2                   level, and

3           d.     one shall be a member of the State Senate, and

4        3. Two shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

5           a.     one shall be an instructor of remedial courses at the college or  
6                   university level, and

7           b.     one shall be a teacher at the secondary level in the public schools.

8        THAT members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A  
9        vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

10       THAT appointments to the Task Force shall be made by September 1, 2008.

11       THAT the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President  
12       Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall each designate a cochair from among the members  
13       of the Task Force.

14       THAT the cochairs of the Task Force shall convene the first meeting of the Task  
15       Force on or before October 1, 2008.

16       THAT a majority of the members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum to  
17       do business.

18       THAT members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their service,  
19       but shall receive travel reimbursement from the appointing authority as follows:

20       1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed in accordance with  
21       the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

1           2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by their  
2 appointing authorities pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3           **THAT** the purpose of the Task Force shall be to study and make recommendations  
4 relating to the problem of student remediation.

5           **THAT** the Task Force shall issue a report of its recommendations to the Legislature  
6 and the Governor no later than December 31, 2008.

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