

SB 1880

THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1880
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1880 - By: JOLLEY of the Senate and JONES of the House.

[schools - Achieving Classroom Excellence II Task Force - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 77, 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 Achieving Classroom Excellence II Task Force. The task force shall study the following issues:

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);

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

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

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

1 5. Feasibility of aligning the cut scores on state-mandated
2 tests to NAEP cut scores.

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

7 1. The Governor;

8 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

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

10 4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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

12 6. Agreement of the Co-Chairs of the Senate Education
13 Committee; and

14 7. The Chair of the House Education Committee.

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

1 continue to serve, subject to the appointing authorities' power to
2 replace an appointed member.

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

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

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

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

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-11-08 - DO
22 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.