

SB 1881

THE STATE SENATE  
Monday, February 25, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1881  
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1881 - By: JOLLEY of the Senate and JONES of the House.

[ schools - School Funding Formula Task Force - extending the task force - 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

1 school educators and members of the business community, appointed  
2 by:

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

12 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,  
13 2007. The member appointed by the Governor shall convene the first  
14 meeting of the task force by September 30, 2007. Members of the  
15 task force shall elect a chair from among the membership. A  
16 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum  
17 to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the  
18 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.  
19 Members appointed to the task force as of December 31, 2007, shall  
20 continue to serve, subject to the appointing authorities' power to  
21 replace an appointed member.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-20-08 - DO  
24 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.