

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1881

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1,  
8 Chapter 361, O.S.L. 2007, which relates to the School  
9 Funding Formula Task Force; extending the task force;  
10 continuing service of members; authorizing  
11 replacement of members by appointing authorities;  
12 modifying deadline for submission of certain report;  
13 and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 361, O.S.L.  
16 2007, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

7 1. The Governor;

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

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

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

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

13 6. Each of the Co-Chairs of the Senate Appropriations  
14 Subcommittee on Education; and

15 7. The Chair of the House Education Committee.

16 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,  
17 2007. The member appointed by the Governor shall convene the first  
18 meeting of the task force by September 30, 2007. Members of the  
19 task force shall elect a chair from among the membership. A  
20 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum  
21 to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the  
22 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.  
23 Members appointed to the task force as of December 31, 2007, shall  
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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 School Funding Formula Task Force shall  
6 receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but shall  
7 receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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