

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 604

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Sears of the House

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10 An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force
11 on Internet-Based Instruction; stating duties;
12 providing for membership, appointment, designation of
13 officers, quorum, staff support, and travel
14 reimbursement; requiring report of findings and
15 recommendations by certain deadline; providing for
16 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
17 declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2009, the Task
22 Force on Internet-Based Instruction. The task force shall conduct a
23 comprehensive review of Internet-based instruction in this state and
24 make recommendations regarding necessary changes to ensure
accountability for such programs in public schools.

1 B. The task force shall consist of seven (7) members as
2 follows:

3 1. Four members shall be selected from among public school
4 educators and administrators as follows:

- 5 a. two members appointed by the Governor,
- 6 b. one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives, and
- 8 c. one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
9 the State Senate;

10 2. Two members shall be:

- 11 a. the Chair of the House Common Education Committee or a
12 designee, and
- 13 b. the Chair of the Senate Education Committee or a
14 designee; and

15 3. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a
16 designee.

17 C. The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall
18 designate the chair of the task force. The Speaker of the Oklahoma
19 House of Representatives shall designate the vice-chair of the task
20 force. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,
21 2009. Meetings of the task force shall be held at the call of the
22 chair of the task force. Members shall serve at the pleasure of
23 their appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the task
24 force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy

1 shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of
2 the powers of the task force. A vacancy on the task force shall be
3 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the
4 task force shall be provided by the staff of the State Senate and
5 the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

6 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
7 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
8 follows:

9 1. State employees who are members of the task force shall be
10 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
11 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
12 Travel Reimbursement Act;

13 2. All other task force members shall be reimbursed by the
14 appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance
15 of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement
16 Act; and

17 3. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with
18 Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 E. The task force shall submit a report by November 30, 2009,
20 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, and
21 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The report
22 shall include findings and recommendations for any statutory or
23 regulatory changes necessary to improve the accountability, funding,
24 and effectiveness of Internet-based instruction.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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