

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL 1168

By: Ford of the Senate

and

6 Coody and Hickman of the
7 House

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10 An Act relating to schools; creating the Legislative
11 Task Force on Achieving Classroom Excellence; stating
12 duties; providing for membership, appointment,
13 designation of officers, quorum, staff support, and
14 travel reimbursement; requiring report of findings
15 and recommendations by certain deadline; providing
16 for 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
22 Legislative Task Force on Achieving Classroom Excellence. The task
23 force shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Achieving
24 Classroom Excellence Act of 2005 and subsequent amendments.

B. The task force shall study topics including, but not limited
to, the following:

1 1. The requirements of the Achieving Classroom Excellence Act
2 of 2005, as amended;

3 2. Possible alternative assessments and alternative methods for
4 meeting the requirements of the Achieving Classroom Excellence Act
5 of 2005, as amended;

6 3. Policies to reduce the high school drop-out rate;

7 4. Policies to enhance completion of the requirements for high
8 school graduation and increase postsecondary program enrollment and
9 completion; and

10 5. The potential of blending services offered by common
11 education, career and technology education, and higher education.

12 C. The task force shall consist of twelve (12) members as
13 follows:

14 1. The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;

15 2. The Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;

16 3. The Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
17 Education;

18 4. One member of the Senate Committee on Education, appointed
19 by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

20 5. One member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
21 Education, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

22 6. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
23 Tempore of the Senate;

24 7. The Chair of the House Committee on Common Education;

1 8. The Chair of the House Committee on Higher Education and
2 Career Tech;

3 9. The Chair of the House Appropriations and Budget
4 Subcommittee on Education;

5 10. One member of the House Committee on Common Education or
6 the House Committee on Higher Education and Career Tech, appointed
7 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

8 11. One member of the House Appropriations and Budget
9 Subcommittee on Education, appointed by the Minority Leader of the
10 House of Representatives; and

11 12. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

13 D. The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education shall serve
14 as the chair of the task force. The Chair of the House Committee on
15 Common Education shall serve as vice-chair of the task force.

16 Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 1, 2009.

17 Meetings of the task force shall be held at the call of the chair of
18 the task force. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their

19 appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the task force
20 shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall

21 impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the
22 powers of the task force. A vacancy on the task force shall be

23 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the
24 task force shall be provided by the staff of the Senate and the

1 House of Representatives. The State Department of Education,
2 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and the
3 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide support
4 and information as requested by the task force.

5 E. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
6 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement in
7 accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 F. The task force shall submit a report by November 30, 2009,
9 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
10 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include
11 findings and recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes
12 necessary to improve the Achieving Classroom Excellence Act of 2005.

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

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

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