

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 1168

6 By: Ford

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to schools; creating the Legislative  
9 Task Force on Achieving Classroom Excellence; stating  
10 duties; providing for membership, appointment,  
11 designation of officers, quorum, staff support, and  
12 travel reimbursement; requiring report of findings  
13 and recommendations by certain deadline; providing  
14 for noncodification; providing an effective date; and  
15 declaring an emergency.

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2009, the  
20 Legislative Task Force on Achieving Classroom Excellence. The task  
21 force shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Achieving  
22 Classroom Excellence Act of 2005 and subsequent amendments.

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

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

- 1           2. Possible alternative assessments and alternative methods for  
2 meeting the requirements of the Achieving Classroom Excellence Act  
3 of 2005, as amended;
- 4           3. Policies to reduce the high school drop-out rate;
- 5           4. Policies to enhance completion of the requirements for high  
6 school graduation and increase postsecondary program enrollment and  
7 completion; and
- 8           5. The potential of blending services offered by common  
9 education, career and technology education, and higher education.
- 10          C. The task force shall consist of ten (10) members as follows:
- 11           1. The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;
- 12           2. The Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Education;
- 13           3. The Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
14 Education;
- 15           4. One member of the Senate Committee on Education, appointed  
16 by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- 17           5. One member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
18 Education, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- 19           6. The Chair of the House Committee on Common Education;
- 20           7. The Chair of the House Committee on Higher Education and  
21 Career Tech;
- 22           8. The Chair of the House Appropriations and Budget  
23 Subcommittee on Education;
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1           9. One member of the House Committee on Common Education or the  
2 House Committee on Higher Education and Career Tech, appointed by  
3 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;

4           10. One member of the House Appropriations and Budget  
5 Subcommittee on Education, appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
6 House of Representatives.

7           D. The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education shall serve  
8 as the chair of the task force. Appointments to the task force  
9 shall be made by July 1, 2009. Meetings of the task force shall be  
10 held at the call of the chair of the task force. Members shall  
11 serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority  
12 of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum to  
13 transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the  
14 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.  
15 A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original  
16 appointing authority. Staff support for the task force shall be  
17 provided by the staff of the Senate and the House of  
18 Representatives. The State Department of Education, Oklahoma  
19 Department of Career and Technology Education, and the Oklahoma  
20 State Regents for Higher Education shall provide support and  
21 information as requested by the task force.

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

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

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

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

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