

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 2129

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

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4 Coody of the House

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7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Statewide
8 Virtual School Task Force; stating duties; providing
9 for membership, appointment, designation of officers,
10 quorum, staff support, and travel reimbursement;
11 requiring report of findings and recommendations;
12 providing for noncodification; and declaring an
13 emergency.

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

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

17 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2010, the
18 Statewide Virtual School Task Force. Due to the findings of the
19 Internet-Based Instruction Task Force, created pursuant to Enrolled
20 Senate Bill No. 604 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature,
21 exploration of meeting the needs of all students on a broader basis
22 is warranted. The task force created herein shall explore the
23 feasibility of establishment of a statewide virtual school. If the
24 recommendation is to create a statewide virtual school, the task
force shall further study and make recommendations for the purpose,
structure, enrollment process, types of courses to be taught,

1 services to be provided, location of operations, and funding for a
2 statewide virtual school.

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

5 1. One member of the Senate, who shall serve as chair of the
6 task force, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7 2. The Chair of the Senate Education Committee, or designee;

8 3. The Chair of the House Common Education Committee, or
9 designee;

10 4. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 5. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;
13 and

14 6. Two members selected from among public school educators and
15 administrators, appointed by the Governor.

16 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,
17 2010. Meetings of the task force shall be held at the call of the
18 chair of the task force. Members shall serve at the pleasure of
19 their appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the task
20 force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy
21 shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of
22 the powers of the task force. A vacancy on the task force shall be
23 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the
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1 task force shall be provided by the State Department of Education,
2 the Senate, and the House of Representatives.

3 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
4 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
5 follows:

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

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

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

16 E. The task force shall submit a report of findings and
17 recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
18 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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.

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1 Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2010.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2010.

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10 of Representatives