

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 603

By: Ford of the Senate

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

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

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

18 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2009, the Task
19 Force on Concurrent Enrollment. The task force shall conduct a
20 comprehensive review of the concurrent enrollment program authorized
21 pursuant to Section 628.13 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 B. The task force shall study the following:

- 23 1. The current status of the concurrent enrollment program;
- 24 2. The eligibility and approval process for student
participation in the program;

1 3. The feasibility of concurrent enrollment courses provided at
2 technology center schools;

3 4. The academic credit granted to students on their high school
4 transcript for post-secondary coursework; and

5 5. Similar programs of bordering states.

6 C. The task force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as
7 follows:

8 1. Four shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
9 State Senate as follows:

10 a. two shall be members of the State Senate,

11 b. one shall be a representative of a statewide
12 organization of school board members, and

13 c. one shall be a superintendent in the public schools,
14 from a district with average daily membership greater
15 than or equal to five hundred (500) and less than
16 twenty five thousand (25,000);

17 2. Four shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
18 of Representatives as follows:

19 a. two shall be members of the Oklahoma House of
20 Representatives,

21 b. one shall be a representative of a statewide
22 organization of school district administrators, and
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1 c. one shall be a superintendent in the public schools,
2 from a district with average daily membership less
3 than five hundred (500);

4 3. Four shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

5 a. two shall be superintendents in the public schools
6 from districts with average daily membership greater
7 than twenty five thousand (25,000),

8 b. one shall be a president of a regional university, and

9 c. one shall be a president of a community college;

10 4. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
11 Technology Education, or designee;

12 5. The Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education, or
13 designee; and

14 6. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;

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

1 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the
2 task force shall be provided by the staff of the State Senate and
3 the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

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

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

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

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

17 F. The task force shall submit a report by November 30, 2009,
18 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, and
19 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The report
20 shall include findings and recommendations for any statutory or
21 regulatory changes necessary to improve the program, improve access
22 to post-secondary courses for high school students, and ensure
23 uniform application of policies for the concurrent enrollment
24 program.

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.

6 Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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10 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
11 2009.

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