

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 604

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Sears of the House

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7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force  
8 on Internet-Based Instruction; stating duties;  
9 providing for membership, appointment, designation of  
10 officers, quorum, staff support, and travel  
11 reimbursement; requiring report of findings and  
12 recommendations by certain deadline; providing for  
13 noncodification; providing an effective date; and  
14 declaring an 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 Internet-Based Instruction. The task force shall conduct a  
20 comprehensive review of Internet-based instruction in this state and  
21 make recommendations regarding necessary changes to ensure  
22 accountability for such programs in public schools.

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

1. Two members of the State Senate appointed by the President  
Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

1           2. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

3           3. Two district superintendents from districts that provide  
4 students with Internet-based instruction, one from a receiving  
5 district and one from a sending district, appointed by the Governor;  
6 and

7           4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee.

8           C. The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall  
9 designate the chair of the task force. The Speaker of the Oklahoma  
10 House of Representatives shall designate the vice-chair of the task  
11 force. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,  
12 2009. Meetings of the task force shall be held at the call of the  
13 chair of the task force. Members shall serve at the pleasure of  
14 their appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the task  
15 force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy  
16 shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of  
17 the powers of the task force. A vacancy on the task force shall be  
18 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the  
19 task force shall be provided by the staff of the State Senate and  
20 the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

21           D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
22 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as  
23 follows:

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

5           2. All other task force members shall be reimbursed by the  
6 appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance  
7 of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement  
8 Act; and

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

11           E. The task force shall submit a report by November 30, 2009,  
12 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, and  
13 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The report  
14 shall include findings and recommendations for any statutory or  
15 regulatory changes necessary to improve the accountability, funding,  
16 and effectiveness of Internet-based instruction.

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

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

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1 Passed the Senate the 24th day of February, 2009.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2009.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House  
10 of Representatives