

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 2584

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2584 - By: THOMSEN of the House and BINGMAN of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma School Testing Program Review Task Force; stating duties; specifying certain study topics; providing for membership, appointment, election of officers, quorum, staff support, and travel reimbursement; requiring report of findings and recommendations by certain deadline; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

- 1           SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law not to be codified in the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:
- 3           A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2010, the Oklahoma School Testing  
4 Program Review Task Force. The Task Force shall conduct a comprehensive review of  
5 the current student testing system in Oklahoma.
- 6           B. The Task Force shall study topics including, but not limited to, the following:
- 7           1. The design, structure and implementation of the criterion-referenced tests,  
8 including the end-of-instruction examinations, required pursuant to the Oklahoma  
9 School Testing Program Act;
- 10           2. The value the end-of-instruction examinations provide in evaluating academic  
11 achievement and improvement;

1           3. The impact of requiring students to demonstrate mastery on the end-of-  
2 instruction examinations in order to graduate from high school;

3           4. The options available and the benefits of administering alternatives  
4 assessments;

5           5. The federal assessment requirements and compare those requirements with the  
6 state assessment requirements; and

7           6. The advantages and disadvantages of changing the state assessment  
8 requirements to match the minimum federal assessment requirements.

9           C. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

10          1. Five members appointed by the Governor;

11          2. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

12          3. Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

13           D. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall call the first meeting of the  
14 Task Force. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and a vice-chair of the  
15 Task Force at the first meeting. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July  
16 31, 2010. Meetings of the Task Force shall be held at the call of the chair of the Task  
17 Force. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority of  
18 the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no  
19 vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of  
20 the Task Force. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original appointing  
21 authority. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the House of

1 Representatives and State Senate. The State Department of Education shall provide  
2 support and information as requested by the Task Force.

3 E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the  
4 Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

5 1. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 456 of Title  
6 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7 2. State employee members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the  
8 performance of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State  
9 Travel Reimbursement Act; and

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

13 F. The Task Force shall submit a report by December 31, 2010, to the Governor, the  
14 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
15 The report shall include findings for any statutory or regulatory changes necessary to  
16 implement the recommendations of the Task Force.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-25-10  
22 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.