

ESB 2129

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, March 25, 2010

ENGROSSED  
**Senate Bill No. 2129**  
**As Amended**

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2129 - By: STANISLAWSKI of the Senate and  
COODY AND KERN of the House.

[ schools - creating the Statewide Virtual School Task Force -  
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 Statewide Virtual School  
4 Task Force. Due to the findings of the Internet-Based Instruction Task Force, created  
5 pursuant to Enrolled Senate Bill No. 604 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature,  
6 exploration of meeting the needs of all students on a broader basis is warranted. The  
7 task force created herein shall explore the feasibility of establishment of a statewide  
8 virtual school. If the recommendation is to create a statewide virtual school, the task  
9 force shall further study and make recommendations for the purpose, structure,  
10 enrollment process, types of courses to be taught, services to be provided, location of  
11 operations, and funding for a statewide virtual school.

- 1 B. The task force shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:
- 2 1. One member of the Senate, who shall serve as chair of the task force, appointed
- 3 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 4 2. The Chair of the Senate Education Committee, or designee;
- 5 3. The Chair of the House Common Education Committee, or designee;
- 6 4. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
- 7 House of Representatives;
- 8 5. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee; and
- 9 6. Two members selected from among public school educators and administrators,
- 10 appointed by the Governor.

11 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31, 2010. Meetings of

12 the task force shall be held at the call of the chair of the task force. Members shall serve

13 at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the task

14 force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the

15 right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force. A vacancy

16 on the task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the

17 task force shall be provided by the State Department of Education, the Senate, and the

18 House of Representatives.

19 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task

20 force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

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

7           3. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 456 of Title  
8 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

12           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
13 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof  
14 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 03-24-10  
16 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.