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THE STATE SENATE  
Thursday, February 12, 2009

Senate Bill No. 603  
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 603 - By: Ford of the Senate and Coody of the House.

An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force on Concurrent Enrollment; stating duties; providing for membership, appointment, designation 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:

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

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

B. The task force shall study the following:

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

participation in the program;

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

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

3           5. Similar programs of bordering states.

4           C. The task force shall consist of **fifteen (15)** members as  
5 follows:

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

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

9           b. one shall be a representative of a statewide  
10 organization of school board members, and

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

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

17           a. two shall be members of the Oklahoma House of  
18 Representatives,

19           b. one shall be a representative of a statewide  
20 organization of school district administrators, and

21           c. one shall be a superintendent in the public schools,  
22 from a district with average daily membership less  
23 than five hundred (500);

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

2            a. two shall be superintendents in the public schools

3                    from districts with average daily membership greater

4                    than twenty five thousand (25,000),

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

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

7        4. **The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and**

8 **Technology Education, or designee;**

9        5. The Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education, or

10 designee; and

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

12        D. The President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall

13 designate the chair of the task force. The Speaker of the Oklahoma

14 House of Representatives shall designate the vice-chair of the task

15 force. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 31,

16 2009. Meetings of the task force shall be held at the call of the

17 chair of the task force. Members shall serve at the pleasure of

18 their appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the task

19 force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy

20 shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of

21 the powers of the task force. A vacancy on the task force shall be

22 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the

1 task force shall be provided by the staff of the State Senate and  
2 the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

3 E. 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 F. The task force shall submit a report by November 30, 2009,  
17 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, and  
18 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The report  
19 shall include findings and recommendations for any statutory or  
20 regulatory changes necessary to improve the program, improve access  
21 to post-secondary courses for high school students, and ensure  
22 uniform application of policies for the concurrent enrollment  
23 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 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-9-09 - DO PASS,  
7 As Amended and Coauthored.