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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, February 12, 2009

Senate Bill No. 604
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 604 - By: Stanislawski of the Senate and Sears of the House.

An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force on Internet-Based Instruction; 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 Internet-Based Instruction. The task force shall conduct a comprehensive review of Internet-based instruction in this state and make recommendations regarding necessary changes to ensure accountability for such programs in public schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 1. State employees who are members of the task force shall be
23 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their

1 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
2 Travel Reimbursement Act;

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

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

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

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

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

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-9-09 - DO PASS,
21 As Amended and Coauthored.