

3 Senate Bill No. 871

4 SENATE BILL NO. 871 - By: Russell and Johnson (Constance) of the
5 Senate and Enns of the House.

6 An Act relating to public finance; amending Section 4,
7 Chapter 128, O.S.L. 2004, as last amended by Section 1,
8 Chapter 330, O.S.L. 2008 (62 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section
9 41.5t.2), which relates to the Electronic and Information
10 Technology Accessibility Advisory Council; modifying
11 membership of Council; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 128, O.S.L.
14 2004, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 330, O.S.L. 2008 (62
15 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 41.5t.2), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 41.5t.2 A. There is hereby created, to continue until
17 July 1, 2010, the Electronic and Information Technology
18 Accessibility Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall study
19 and make recommendations concerning the accessibility for the
20 disabled to publicly produced and provided electronic and
21 information technology and to provide advice and assistance to the
22 Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance on the
23 development of accessibility standards and complaint procedures as
24 provided for in Section 41.5t of this title.

25 B. The Advisory Council shall be composed of the following
26 members:

- 1 1. ~~One member~~ Two members of the House of Representatives,
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 3 2. ~~One member~~ Two members of the Senate, appointed by the
4 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 5 3. ~~The chair of the Science and Technology Committee of the~~
6 ~~House of Representatives;~~
- 7 4. ~~The chair of the Aerospace and Technology Committee of the~~
8 ~~State Senate;~~
- 9 ~~5.~~ The Director of the Office of State Finance, or a designee;
- 10 ~~6.~~ 4. The Director of the Department of Central Services, or a
11 designee;
- 12 ~~7.~~ 5. The Director of the ~~Oklahoma~~ State Department of
13 Rehabilitation Services, or a designee;
- 14 ~~8.~~ 6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee;
- 15 ~~9.~~ 7. The State Director of the Oklahoma State Department of
16 Career and Technology Education, or a designee;
- 17 ~~10.~~ 8. The Director of the Library for the Blind and Physically
18 Handicapped with the ~~Oklahoma~~ State Department of Rehabilitation
19 Services, or a designee;
- 20 ~~11.~~ 9. The Director of the Office of Disability Concerns, or a
21 designee;

1 ~~12.~~ 10. A representative of OneNet, the state
2 telecommunications network within the Oklahoma State Regents for
3 Higher Education;

4 ~~13.~~ 11. The Project Manager for Oklahoma Able Tech, the state
5 assistive technology project located at Oklahoma State University;

6 ~~14.~~ 12. A representative of state agency web managers appointed
7 by the Governor from a list submitted by a state agency web manager
8 group;

9 ~~15.~~ 13. A representative of an association representing
10 education technology administrators appointed by the Speaker of the
11 House of Representatives;

12 ~~16.~~ 14. A representative of an association of distance learning
13 education professionals appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
14 the Senate;

15 ~~17.~~ 15. Two representatives of corporations or vendors of
16 information or electronic technology hardware or software who are
17 knowledgeable or have experience in the field of assistive
18 technology appointed by the Governor;

19 ~~18.~~ 16. A representative of a corporation or vendor
20 specializing in assistive technology appointed by the Governor; and

21 ~~19.~~ 17. Four representatives who are individuals with a
22 disability, one who is blind or visually impaired, one who is deaf
23 or hard of hearing, one with a mobility disability, and one with a

1 cognitive disability and all of whom are users of information or
2 electronic technology appointed by the Governor.

3 C. Members who were serving on the Electronic and Information
4 Technology Accessibility Task Force as of July 1, 2004, shall
5 automatically be appointed to serve on the Electronic and
6 Information Technology Accessibility Advisory Council after July 1,
7 2004.

8 D. The Advisory Council shall:

9 1. Make recommendation on action, including legislative action,
10 needed to ensure that all electronic and information technology
11 produced, procured, or developed by state agencies are accessible to
12 the disabled;

13 2. Identify disability accessibility standards that are
14 emerging or fully adopted by national standard organizations;

15 3. Review and make recommendations on disability accessibility
16 initiatives and legislation undertaken in other states; and

17 4. Provide advice and assistance to the Information Services
18 Division of the Office of State Finance and the Department of
19 Central Services on the development of accessibility standards and
20 complaint procedures as provided for in Section 41.5t of this title.

21 E. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
22 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a cochair
23 from among the members of the Advisory Council.

1 F. A majority of the members of the Advisory Council shall
2 constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting
3 may act for the Advisory Council.

4 G. Meetings of the Advisory Council shall be called by either
5 cochair.

6 H. Proceedings of all meetings of the Advisory Council shall
7 comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

8 I. The Advisory Council may divide into subcommittees in
9 furtherance of its purpose.

10 J. Staff of the Oklahoma Able Tech, the state assistive
11 technology project located at Oklahoma State University, shall serve
12 as primary staff for the Advisory Council. Appropriate personnel
13 from the Office of State Finance and the Department of Central
14 Services shall also assist with the work of the Advisory Council.

15 K. The Advisory Council may use the expertise and services of
16 the staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and State Senate
17 and may, as necessary, seek the advice and services of experts in
18 the field as well as other necessary professional and clerical
19 staff.

20 L. All departments, officers, agencies, and employees of this
21 state shall cooperate with the Advisory Council in fulfilling its
22 duties and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing

1 any information, records, or reports requested by the Advisory
2 Council.

3 M. Members of the Advisory Council shall receive no
4 compensation for their service, but shall receive travel
5 reimbursement as follows:

6 1. Legislative members of the Advisory Council shall be
7 reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance
8 of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of
9 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

10 2. Nonlegislative members of the Advisory Council shall be
11 reimbursed by their appointing authorities or respective agencies
12 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
13 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-16-09
19 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.