

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE BILL 2129

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Statewide  
8 Virtual School Task Force; stating duties; providing  
9 for membership, appointment, designation of officers,  
10 quorum, staff support, and travel reimbursement;  
11 requiring report of findings and recommendations;  
12 providing for noncodification; and declaring an  
13 emergency.

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

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

17 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2010, the  
18 Statewide Virtual School Task Force. Due to the findings of the  
19 Internet-Based Instruction Task Force, created pursuant to Enrolled  
20 Senate Bill No. 604 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature,  
21 exploration of meeting the needs of all students on a broader basis  
22 is warranted. The task force created herein shall explore the  
23 feasibility of establishment of a statewide virtual school. If the  
24 recommendation is to create a statewide virtual school, the task  
force shall further study and make recommendations for the purpose,

1 structure, enrollment process, types of courses to be taught,  
2 services to be provided, location of operations, and funding for a  
3 statewide virtual school.

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

6 1. The Senate author of this legislation, who shall serve as  
7 chair of the task force;

8 2. The Chair of the Senate Education Committee, or designee;

9 3. The Chair of the House Common Education Committee, or  
10 designee;

11 4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;  
12 and

13 5. Two members selected from among public school educators and  
14 administrators, appointed by the Governor.

15 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,  
16 2010. 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  
23 task force shall be provided by the State Department of Education,  
24 the Senate, and the House of Representatives.

1 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
2 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as  
3 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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