

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 603

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force
8 on Concurrent Enrollment; stating duties; providing
9 for membership, appointment, designation of officers,
10 quorum, staff support, and travel reimbursement;
11 requiring report of findings and recommendations by
12 certain deadline; providing for noncodification;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

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

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

22 B. The task force shall study the following:

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

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

3 4. Similar programs of bordering states.

4 C. The task force shall consist of fourteen (14) 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);

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

1 a. two shall be superintendents in the public schools
2 from districts with average daily membership greater
3 than twenty five thousand (25,000),

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

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

6 4. The Chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education, or
7 designee; and

8 5. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;

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

22 E. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
23 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
24 follows:

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

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

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

11 F. The task force shall submit a report by November 30, 2009,
12 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, and
13 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The report
14 shall include findings and recommendations for any statutory or
15 regulatory changes necessary to improve the program, improve access
16 to post-secondary courses for high school students, and ensure
17 uniform application of policies for the concurrent enrollment
18 program.

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

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

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