

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1997

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to schools; creating the Analyzing
9 Students with Learning Disorders Task Force;
10 providing for membership; providing duties; providing
11 that members shall determine meeting dates; providing
12 travel reimbursement; providing for codification; and
13 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6j of Title 70, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. There is hereby created, to continue until October 3, 2013,
19 the Analyzing Students with Learning Disorders Task Force.

20 B. The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members as
21 follows:

22 1. The Governor or designee;

23 2. A principal of a K-12 school located in an urban area, to be
24 appointed by the Governor;

- 1 3. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
- 2 4. A Superintendent of a K-12 school, to be appointed by the
- 3 State Superintendent of Public Instruction;
- 4 5. The Secretary of Education or designee;
- 5 6. An individual who performs testing for learning disorders in
- 6 this state, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
- 7 Senate;
- 8 7. A classroom teacher located in an urban area, to be
- 9 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 10 8. A classroom teacher located in a rural area, to be appointed
- 11 by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 12 9. A teacher of special needs children, to be appointed by the
- 13 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 14 10. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as
- 15 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 16 and
- 17 11. One member of the Senate as appointed by the President Pro
- 18 Tempore of the State Senate.
- 19 C. 1. The Task Force shall:
 - 20 a. examine the current testing of students with learning
 - 21 disorders in the public schools,
 - 22 b. review testing of students with learning disorders in
 - 23 other states,
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- c. examine the possibility of federal appropriations and private grants for the testing of students with learning disorders,
- d. review current limitations of school personnel in this state to test students with learning disorders, and
- e. examine ways the State Department of Education can assist school districts with the testing of students with learning disorders.

2. It shall be the duty of the Task Force to formulate recommendations related to the testing and diagnosis of learning disorders, including recommendations for any resulting legislation.

D. The members of the Task Force shall determine meeting dates. Members shall not be compensated for their service but shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Members shall receive no compensation for their service on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

2. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in

1 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement
2 Act; and

3 3. Members who are not legislators or officers or employees of
4 the state shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities in
5 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement
6 Act.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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