

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2544

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

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2012, the ACE/ACT  
20 Task Force on Preparing Students for College. The Task Force shall  
21 study ways to align testing under the Achieving Classroom Excellence  
22 Act of 2005 and subsequent amendments and testing under the ACT, in  
23 order to prepare students for college.

24 B. The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

1. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;

- 1        2. The Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
2 Education, or designee;
- 3        3. An individual serving as a public school superintendent,  
4 appointed by the Governor;
- 5        4. An individual serving as a president of a public university,  
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 7        5. An individual serving as a public school teacher, appointed  
8 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 9        6. The Chair of the House Committee on Common Education;
- 10       7. The Chair of the House Committee on Higher Education and  
11 Career Tech;
- 12       8. The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education; and
- 13       9. The Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Education.
- 14       C. The Chair of the House Committee on Common Education shall  
15 serve as the chair of the Task Force. The Chair of the Senate  
16 Committee on Education shall serve as vice-chair of the Task Force.  
17 Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 15, 2012.  
18 Meetings of the Task Force shall be held at the call of the chair of  
19 the Task Force. The first meeting shall be held no later than  
20 August 1, 2012. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their  
21 appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the Task Force  
22 shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall  
23 impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the  
24 powers of the Task Force. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be

1 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the  
2 Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the House of  
3 Representatives and the Senate. The State Department of Education,  
4 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and the  
5 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide support  
6 and information as requested by the Task Force.

7 D. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation or  
8 travel reimbursement for serving on the Task Force.

9 E. The Task Force shall submit a report by November 30, 2012,  
10 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include  
12 findings and recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes  
13 necessary to prepare students for college.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

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