

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2596

6 By: Holland

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to schools; creating the Education
9 Mandates Review Task Force; directing the Task Force
10 to study certain issues and make recommendations;
11 specifying certain issues; establishing membership;
12 providing for cochairs, meetings, service, quorum,
13 vacancies and staff support; directing state agencies
14 to provide support and information; prohibiting
15 compensation or travel reimbursement; requiring the
16 Task Force to submit certain reports; providing for
17 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

21 A. There is hereby created until May 31, 2013, the Education
22 Mandates Review Task Force.

23 B. The Task Force shall identify, study and make a report on
24 all state and federal laws which establish mandates for common
education schools. The Task Force shall:

- 1 1. Identify all laws that establish mandates for public schools
2 in the state including the:
- 3 a. function of each law,
 - 4 b. legal source of the law (federal, state, or other),
 - 5 c. substance of the law, and
 - 6 d. federal, state and local funding requirements;
- 7 2. Determine the current federal, state and local funding
8 sources and amounts for implementing the identified laws which
9 establish mandates; and
- 10 3. Any other relevant issues.
- 11 C. The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members as
12 follows:
- 13 1. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
 - 14 2. The Secretary of Education or designee;
 - 15 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
16 Technology Education or designee;
 - 17 4. A staff member of the Office of State Finance appointed by
18 the Director of the Office of State Finance;
 - 19 5. The Executive Director of the Office of Accountability or
20 designee;
 - 21 6. A representative of a statewide organization representing
22 public school superintendents, appointed by the Governor;
 - 23 7. A representative of a statewide organization representing
24 public school teachers, appointed by the Governor;

1 8. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

3 9. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate.

5 D. The member of the House of Representatives and the member of
6 the Senate shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force. Appointments
7 to the Task Force shall be made within thirty (30) days after the
8 effective date of this act. Meetings of the Task Force shall be
9 held at the call of either cochair of the Task Force. Members shall
10 serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority
11 of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to
12 transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the
13 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Task Force.
14 A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original
15 appointing authority. Staff support for the Task Force shall be
16 provided by the staff of the House of Representatives, Senate and
17 State Department of Education. Other state agencies shall provide
18 support and information as requested by the Task Force.

19 E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation or
20 travel reimbursement for serving on the Task Force.

21 F. The Task Force shall submit a preliminary report by December
22 31, 2012, and a final report by May 31, 2013, to the Governor, the
23 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives.

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

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