

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2999

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8 An Act relating to higher education; creating the  
9 Regional University System of Oklahoma Study Task  
10 Force; directing the Task Force to study certain  
11 issues and make recommendations; establishing  
12 membership; providing for cochairs, meetings,  
13 service, quorum, vacancies and staff support;  
14 directing state agencies to provide support and  
15 information; allowing for travel reimbursement;  
16 allowing the Task Force to seek certain assistance  
17 for certain purpose; requiring the Task Force to  
18 submit certain report; providing for noncodification;  
19 and declaring an emergency.

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

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

23 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2012, the  
24 Regional University System of Oklahoma Study Task Force.

25 B. The Task Force shall study, review and evaluate the  
26 membership, appointing authority, terms of office, eligibility  
27 requirements for service, jurisdictional responsibility and powers

1 and duties of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, also known  
2 as the Regional University System of Oklahoma. The Task Force shall  
3 make recommendations on the modification and realignment of the  
4 Board, the jurisdictional responsibilities and the powers and duties  
5 of the Regional University System of Oklahoma.

6 C. The Task Force shall consist of seventeen (17) members as  
7 follows:

8 1. The Governor or designee;

9 2. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;

10 3. Four persons who are employed as faculty members at an  
11 institution under the supervision, management and control of the  
12 Regional University System of Oklahoma, appointed by the Speaker of  
13 the House of Representatives;

14 4. Three persons who are owners of or represent businesses, one  
15 large business and one small business, located in the service area  
16 of an institution under the supervision, management and control of  
17 the Regional University System of Oklahoma, appointed by the Speaker  
18 of the House of Representatives;

19 5. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by  
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

21 6. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro  
22 Tempore of the Senate.

23 D. One of the appointed House of Representatives members, as  
24 selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one of

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

16 E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
17 serving on the Task Force, but may receive travel reimbursement,  
18 contingent on the availability of funds for this purpose.

19 F. The Task Force may seek the assistance of the Legislative  
20 Service Bureau or the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to  
21 contract with an independent consultant as necessary to fulfill the  
22 duties specified in this section contingent on the availability of  
23 funds.

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1 G. The Task Force shall submit a final report by December 31,  
2 2012, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and  
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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