

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 536

By: Stanislawski, Branam and  
Fields of the Senate

3 and

4 Hickman of the House  
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7 An Act relating to school administration; creating  
8 the Task Force on Creating Administrative  
9 Efficiencies; stating duties; providing for  
10 membership, appointment, designation of officers,  
11 quorum, staff support, and travel reimbursement;  
12 requiring report of findings and recommendations;  
13 providing for noncodification; 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, 2011, the Task  
19 Force on Creating Administrative Efficiencies for the purpose of  
20 improving efficiency and reducing duplicative overhead costs. The  
21 task force shall examine ways to reduce administrative costs and the  
22 impact of such cost reductions on school district operations and  
23 student learning.

24 B. The task force shall consist of seven (7) members as  
follows:

1. The Chair of the Senate Education Committee, or designee;

1           2. The Chair of the House Common Education Committee, or  
2 designee;

3           3. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
4 Senate, who shall represent a public policy organization which  
5 conducts research and analysis of issues in this state;

6           4. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
7 Representatives, who shall be a chief financial officer of a school  
8 district with an average daily membership of five thousand (5,000)  
9 or more;

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

11          6. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a public  
12 school administrator from a school district with an average daily  
13 membership over ten thousand (10,000); and

14          7. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a public  
15 school administrator from a school district with an average daily  
16 membership under one thousand (1,000).

17          C. The Chair of the Senate Education Committee shall designate  
18 the chair of the task force. Appointments to the task force shall  
19 be made by August 31, 2011. Meetings of the task force shall be  
20 held at the call of the chair of the task force. Members shall  
21 serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority  
22 of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum to  
23 transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the  
24 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.

1 A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original  
2 appointing authority. Staff support for the task force shall be  
3 provided by the State Department of Education, the Senate, and the  
4 House of Representatives.

5 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
6 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as  
7 follows:

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

12 2. All other task force members shall be reimbursed by the  
13 appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance  
14 of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement  
15 Act; and

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

18 E. The task force shall submit a report of findings and  
19 recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the  
20 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

