

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2544

By: Nollan of the House

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

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

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

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

22 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2012, the ACE/ACT  
23 Task Force on Preparing Students for College. The Task Force shall

1 study ways to align testing under the Achieving Classroom Excellence  
2 Act of 2005 and subsequent amendments and testing under the ACT, in  
3 order to prepare students for college.

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

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

6 2. The Chancellor of The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
7 Education, or designee;

8 3. An individual serving as a public school superintendent,  
9 appointed by the Governor;

10 4. An individual serving as a president of a public university,  
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 5. An individual serving as a public school teacher, appointed  
13 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

14 6. The Chair of the House Committee on Common Education;

15 7. The Chair of the House Committee on Higher Education and  
16 Career Tech;

17 8. The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education; and

18 9. The Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on Education.

19 C. The Chair of the House Committee on Common Education shall

20 serve as the chair of the Task Force. The Chair of the Senate

21 Committee on Education shall serve as vice-chair of the Task Force.

22 Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 15, 2012.

23 Meetings of the Task Force shall be held at the call of the chair of

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1 the Task Force. The first meeting shall be held no later than  
2 August 1, 2012. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their  
3 appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the Task Force  
4 shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall  
5 impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the  
6 powers of the Task Force. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be  
7 filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the  
8 Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the House of  
9 Representatives and the Senate. The State Department of Education,  
10 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and the  
11 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall provide support  
12 and information as requested by the Task Force.

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

15 E. The Task Force shall submit a report by November 30, 2012,  
16 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the  
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include  
18 findings and recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes  
19 necessary to prepare students for college.

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

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

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/22/2012 - DO PASS,  
5 As Amended and Coauthored.

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