

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. 2999

By: Newell of the House

and

Brecheen of the Senate

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

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

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

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

3 B. The Task Force shall study, review and evaluate the
4 membership, appointing authority, terms of office, eligibility
5 requirements for service, jurisdictional responsibility and powers
6 and duties of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges, also known
7 as the Regional University System of Oklahoma. The Task Force shall
8 make recommendations on the modification and realignment of the
9 Board, the jurisdictional responsibilities and the powers and duties
10 of the Regional University System of Oklahoma.

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

13 1. The Governor or designee;

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

15 3. Four persons who are employed as faculty members at an
16 institution under the supervision, management and control of the
17 Regional University System of Oklahoma, appointed by the Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives;

19 4. Three persons who are owners of or represent businesses, one
20 large business and one small business, located in the service area
21 of an institution under the supervision, management and control of
22 the Regional University System of Oklahoma, appointed by the Speaker
23 of the House of Representatives;

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1 5. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by
2 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

3 6. Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate.

5 D. One of the appointed House of Representatives members, as
6 selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one of
7 the appointed Senate members, as selected by the President Pro
8 Tempore of the Senate, shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force.

9 Appointments to the Task Force shall be made within thirty (30) days
10 after the effective date of this act. Meetings of the Task Force
11 shall be held at the call of either cochair of the Task Force.

12 Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities.

13 A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a
14 quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right
15 of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Task
16 Force. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original
17 appointing authority. Staff support for the Task Force shall be
18 provided by the staff of the House of Representatives, Senate and
19 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Other state agencies
20 shall provide support and information as requested by the Task
21 Force.

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

4 F. The Task Force may seek the assistance of the Legislative
5 Service Bureau or the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to
6 contract with an independent consultant as necessary to fulfill the
7 duties specified in this section contingent on the availability of
8 funds.

9 G. The Task Force shall submit a final report by December 31,
10 2012, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
11 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER TECH,
18 dated 03/01/2012 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.