

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the School
8 Administrative Restructuring Task Force; providing
9 termination date; stating purpose of the Task Force;
10 providing for membership; providing date for
11 appointments and organizational meeting; providing
12 for selection of officers; stating duties; exempting
the Task Force from certain acts; providing for
meetings; providing for travel reimbursement and
staff assistance; requiring completion of the study
by a certain date; providing for noncodification; and
declaring an emergency.

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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 December 31, 2011, the "School
19 Administrative Restructuring Task Force". The purpose of the Task
20 Force shall be to study the academic and economic benefits of
21 restructuring the administrative services of school districts.

22 B. The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members as
23 follows:
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- 1 1. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
2 of Representatives from the membership of the House;
- 3 2. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Oklahoma State Senate from the membership of the Senate;
- 5 3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee;
- 6 4. One member who represents a statewide association of school
7 board members, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
8 Representatives;
- 9 5. One member who represents a statewide organization that
10 represents public school superintendents, appointed by the President
11 Pro Tempore of the State Senate;
- 12 6. Two teachers of a public school districts, one appointed by
13 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and one
14 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;
- 15 7. One member who represents a statewide parent-teacher
16 organization, appointed by Governor; and
- 17 8. One member who represents a statewide business organization,
18 appointed by the Governor.
- 19 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
20 2011. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-
21 chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall
22 conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31, 2011.
- 23 D. The Task Force shall investigate and make recommendations
24 regarding:

1 1. How school administration and operations may be made more
2 efficient through administrative reorganization;

3 2. Review and analyze data collected from school districts of
4 administrative service costs; and

5 3. Study the administrative structure of school districts in
6 other states.

7 E. The Task Force shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Open
8 Meeting Act or to the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

9 F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
10 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task
11 Force by law. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for
12 their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
13 duties as follows:

14 1. Members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for
15 travel expenses in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement
16 Act;

17 2. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with
18 Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

19 3. All other members shall be reimbursed by the State
20 Department of Education in accordance with the State Travel
21 Reimbursement Act.

22 G. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
23 State Department of Education.

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1 H. The Task Force shall complete its study not later than
2 December 31, 2011.

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

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