

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2596

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5 AS INTRODUCED

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7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Education  
8 Mandates Review Task Force; directing the Task Force  
9 to study certain issues and make recommendations;  
10 specifying certain issues; establishing membership;  
11 providing for cochairs, meetings, service, quorum,  
12 vacancies and staff support; directing state agencies  
13 to provide support and information; prohibiting  
14 compensation or travel reimbursement; allowing the  
15 Task Force to seek certain assistance for certain  
16 purpose; requiring the Task Force to submit certain  
17 reports; providing for noncodification; and declaring  
18 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 May 31, 2013, the Education  
23 Mandates Review Task Force.

24 B. The Task Force shall identify, study and make a report on  
all state and federal laws which establish mandates for common  
education schools. The Task Force shall:

1. Identify all laws that establish mandates for public schools  
in the state including the:

- a. function of each law,
- b. legal source of the law (federal, state, or other),
- c. substance of the law, and
- d. federal, state and local funding requirements;

2. Determine the current federal, state and local funding sources and amounts for implementing the identified laws which establish mandates; and

3. Any other relevant issues.

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

1. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;

2. The Secretary of Education or designee;

3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education or designee;

4. A staff member of the Office of State Finance appointed by the Director of the Office of State Finance;

5. The Director of the Office of Accountability or designee;

6. A representative of a statewide organization representing public school superintendents, appointed by Governor;

7. A representative of a statewide organization representing public school teachers, appointed by the Governor;

8. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

1           9. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro  
2 Tempore of the Senate.

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

17           E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation or  
18 travel reimbursement for serving on the Task Force.

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

23           G. The Task Force shall submit a preliminary report by December  
24 31, 2012, and a final report by May 31, 2013, to the Governor, the

1 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives.

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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