STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2044 By: Henke

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An Act relating to schools; creating the School Report and Assessment Calculation Review Task Force; providing termination date; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership; providing date for appointments and organizational meeting; providing for selection of officers; stating duties; providing for meetings; allowing for travel reimbursement contingent upon funding; providing for staff and technical assistance; requiring completion of the study by a certain date; providing for submission of the recommendations of the Task Force; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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:

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2013, the "School Report and Assessment Calculation Review Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force shall be to evaluate the calculation metrics used by the State Department of Education for the annual reports of the Oklahoma School Testing Program and evaluation system.

B. The Task Force shall consist of sixteen (16) members as follows:

1. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives from the membership of the House;

2. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate from the membership of the Senate;

3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee;

4. The Executive Director of the Office of Accountability, which beginning July 1, 2013, shall be known as the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, or a designee;

5. The Secretary of Education, or a designee;

6. One member who represents a statewide association of school board members, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

7. One member who represents a statewide organization that represents public school superintendents, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

8. One member who represents a statewide organization that represents parents of public school students, appointed by the Governor;

9. Two members who are associated with higher education institutions who have knowledge of psychometrics and statistics, one appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

10. Two members who are employees of a public school district who oversee implementation of the Oklahoma State Testing Program in the school district, appointed by the Governor; and

11. Two members who are classroom teachers employed by a public school district, one appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and one appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.

D. The Task Force shall investigate and make recommendations regarding:

1. The calculation metrics of all components of the A-F annual report card issued pursuant to Section 1210.545 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. Whether the evaluation system is clear, transparent, statistically trustworthy, credible and aligned with the student assessment system.

E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task Force by law. Members of the Task Force may be reimbursed for their

necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act contingent upon the availability of public or private funds.

F. Administrative staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate. The State Department of Education, the Office of Accountability, which beginning July 1, 2013, shall be known as the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability, and the Secretary of Education shall provide technical assistance to the Task Force.

G. The Task Force shall complete its study not later than December 31, 2013. The Task Force shall submit its recommendations to the State Board of Education, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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