

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 HOUSE BILL 1881

By: Coody and Nollan of the  
House

5  
6 and

7 Stanislawski of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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11 An Act relating to schools; creating the School  
12 Transportation Task Force; providing termination  
13 date; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing  
14 for membership; providing date for appointments and  
15 organizational meeting; providing for selection of  
16 officers; stating duties; exempting the Task Force  
17 from certain acts; providing for meetings; providing  
18 for travel reimbursement and staff assistance;  
19 requiring completion of the study by a certain date;  
20 providing for noncodification; and declaring an  
21 emergency.

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

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

25 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2013, the "School  
26 Transportation Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force shall be  
27 to study school transportation issues and make recommendations on

1 ways to make school transportation systems more efficient and to  
2 reduce transportation costs.

3 B. The Task Force shall consist of twelve (12) members as  
4 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

16 6. Two members who are directors of or oversee transportation  
17 for a public school district in the state, one appointed by the  
18 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and one appointed  
19 by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

20 7. Two members who represent school bus manufacturers or  
21 dealers, appointed by the Governor; and

22 8. One member who represents the alternative fuels program in  
23 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, or a designee.  
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1 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,  
2 2013. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-  
3 chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall  
4 conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31, 2013.

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

7 1. The costs and benefits of converting school buses and bus  
8 fleets to compressed natural gas or another alternative fuel system;

9 2. The costs and benefits of privatizing school district  
10 transportation services;

11 3. Review and analyze data collected from school districts of  
12 current transportation costs; and

13 4. Study the transportation services and costs of school  
14 districts in other states.

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

17 F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as  
18 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task  
19 Force by law. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for  
20 their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
21 duties as follows:

22 1. Members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for  
23 travel expenses in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement  
24 Act;

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

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

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

8        H. The Task Force shall complete its study not later than  
9 December 31, 2013.

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

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/12/2013  
16 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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