HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1025

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution directing Attorney General of Oklahoma to file certain lawsuit; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, in 2012 the Oklahoma State Department of Education entered into a one-year contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill to administer statewide standardized tests that judge student proficiency and overall school performance; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2013, thousands of Oklahoma students experienced an interruption during online high-stakes testing due to an outage of CTB/McGraw-Hill's testing company servers; and

WHEREAS, statewide school testing again came to a halt when CTB/McGraw-Hill's testing company underwent a subsequent Internet disruption on April 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the outages affected Oklahoma Core Curriculum tests for grades three to eight and end-of-instruction tests for students up to grade 12; and

WHEREAS, these interruptions to the online testing environment have already had a profound impact on schools' and students' performance, as it has invalidated thousands of tests, including many at the high school level that are dependent on the results of these tests to meet graduation requirements, and students may not receive their diploma due to these faulty tests; and

WHEREAS, public school districts will be forced to extend this year's testing deadlines, but if they are unable to test all students within the state testing window schools may be penalized by a letter-grade reduction on their school performance report card; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has entered into a one-year contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill in which CTB/McGraw-Hill is compensated $8.9 million for the Oklahoma Core Curriculum tests and $7.3 million for end-of-instruction testing, with an option to renew an additional four years; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives issues a vote of no confidence in the competency of CTB/McGraw-Hill to administer assessment tests and requests dismissal of their services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPERESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives directs the Attorney General of Oklahoma on behalf of the Oklahoma State Department of Education and Oklahoma students to file a lawsuit against CTB/McGraw-Hill to seek legal recourse and compensation for egregious errors and delays.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Attorney General of Oklahoma and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

DIRECT TO CALENDAR.