

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1032

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution directing the State Board of Education
10 to cancel certain testing contracts and cease
11 relations with CTB/McGraw-Hill; and directing
12 distribution.

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

17 WHEREAS, on April 29, 2013, thousands of Oklahoma students
18 experienced an interruption during online high-stakes testing due to
19 an outage of the servers for the CTB/McGraw-Hill testing company;
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21 WHEREAS, statewide school testing again came to a halt when the
22 servers for CTB/McGraw-Hill underwent a subsequent Internet
23 disruption on April 30, 2013; and
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1 WHEREAS, the outages affected the statewide school tests for
2 grades three to eight and end-of-instruction tests for students up
3 to grade 12; and

4 WHEREAS, these interruptions to the online testing were caused
5 by the gross inefficiencies of CTB/McGraw-Hill and caused damage to
6 the credibility of the future use of online testing, added greatly
7 to the anxiety of faculty and students in what is already a high-
8 anxiety testing situation, jeopardized the graduation status of high
9 school students across the state, wasted countless hours of valuable
10 classroom time across the state, wasted valuable state funding,
11 resulted in a breach of privacy when student data was made available
12 to administrators from other districts during the log-on process and
13 put into question the A-F school report card system which in part is
14 based on testing scores; and

15 WHEREAS, the State Department of Education was negligent in
16 entering into a contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill even after being made
17 aware of previous problems that CTB/McGraw-Hill had experienced in
18 delivering online testing in other states, specifically in Indiana
19 in 2011; and

20 WHEREAS, the State Department of Education was negligent in
21 scoring the first Request for Proposal (RFP) for the online testing
22 contract and after receiving protests the Department was forced to
23 throw out the first RFP and issue a second RFP which resulted in
24 delays in preparing for the administration of tests during the

1 spring testing window and the Department was further negligent in
2 not taking any action to correct or mitigate problems created by the
3 delay; and

4 WHEREAS, the State Department of Education was negligent in
5 unnecessarily spending millions in additional money on the statewide
6 testing contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill which submitted the most
7 expensive proposal in response to the RFP of all the vendors
8 submitting proposals.

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

11 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives directs the State
12 Board of Education to take action to cancel the current online
13 testing contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill and to cease all contractual
14 relations with CTB/McGraw-Hill relating to online testing.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the State
16 Superintendent of Public Instruction and the members of the State
17 Board of Education.

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19 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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