

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 1, 2013

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1881

By: Coody, Nollan, Pittman and  
Scott of the House

5 and

6 Stanislawski of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 8. One member who represents the alternative fuels program in  
21 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, or a designee.

22 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,  
23 2013. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-

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1 chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall  
2 conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31, 2013.

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

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

7 2. The costs and benefits of privatizing school district  
8 transportation services;

9 3. Review and analyze data collected from school districts of  
10 current transportation costs; and

11 4. Study the transportation services and costs of school  
12 districts in other states.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
13 April 1, 2013 - DO PASS

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