

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE BILL 3453

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to schools; creating the Task Force
9 to Study Raising the Compulsory School Attendance
10 Age; providing for membership; stating duties;
11 directing how vacancies should be filled; requiring
12 final written report; specifying date of report;
13 providing for termination of Task Force; requiring
14 organizational meeting; providing for selection of
15 chair and cochair; specifying meeting frequency;
16 providing for staff assistance; prohibiting travel
17 reimbursement; permitting use of public and private
18 resources; providing for noncodification; and
19 declaring an emergency.

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

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

28 A. There is hereby created the Task Force to Study Raising the
29 Compulsory School Attendance Age. The purpose and goals of the Task
30 Force shall be to study the impact of extending the compulsory
31 school attendance age to eighteen (18) years and to provide the
32 Legislature with an impact and recommendations, if any, for

1 guidelines and resources needed to implement the raising of the
2 compulsory school attendance age to eighteen (18) years.

3 B. The Task Force shall be composed of fourteen (14) members as
4 follows:

5 1. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 2. One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
8 Tempore of the Senate;

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

11 4. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, or
12 a designee;

13 5. The following members to be appointed by the Governor:

14 a. two superintendents of a public school district,

15 b. two members of a board of education of a public school
16 district,

17 c. a representative of a nonprofit organization,

18 d. a president of a higher education institution in the
19 state,

20 e. a community education expert,

21 f. two parents of students in public schools in the
22 state, and

23 g. a student representative.

24 C. As part of its study, the Task Force shall:

- 1 1. Gather and review data on relevant best practices related to
2 extended learning opportunities for teens between the ages of
3 fifteen (15) years and eighteen (18) years, including
4 recommendations put forth under the federal No Child Left Behind
5 legislation;
- 6 2. Examine the adequacy of facilities, staffing, programming,
7 instructional time and resources to accommodate raising the
8 compulsory public school attendance age to eighteen (18) years;
- 9 3. Project the impact on student attendance and achievement
10 outcomes and assess the fiscal and social benefits to the students
11 and to the state of raising the compulsory public school attendance
12 age to eighteen (18) years;
- 13 4. Develop an action plan to implement, provide professional
14 development opportunities and foster partnerships among governmental
15 agencies, boards of education and the business community to support
16 the successful implementation of an initiative to raise the
17 compulsory public school attendance age to eighteen (18) years
18 throughout the state;
- 19 5. Examine the implications for raising the compulsory public
20 school attendance age to eighteen (18) years on standards-based
21 outcomes, students with disabilities and students with limited
22 English proficiency; and
- 23 6. Provide any other guidance and make any other
24 recommendations the Task Force deems appropriate.

1 D. Members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the
2 appointing authority. Vacancies in a position shall be filled in
3 the same manner as the original appointment.

4 E. The Task Force shall submit to the Governor, the President
5 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the
6 Oklahoma House of Representatives a report no later than January 1,
7 2015. The Task Force shall terminate by operation of law on
8 February 1, 2015.

9 F. The report by the Task Force shall reflect the goals,
10 outcomes and recommendations of the Task Force.

11 G. The Task Force shall hold an organizational meeting not
12 later than August 15, 2014. The Task Force shall elect a chair and
13 cochair at the first meeting. The Task Force shall meet at least
14 once monthly.

15 H. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the
16 State Department of Education.

17 I. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation
18 and shall not be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred
19 in the performance of their duties.

20 J. The Task Force may make use of any resources, both public
21 and private, that will provide information and analysis that assists
22 in executing its statutory mission.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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