

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1025

5 By: Inman, Cannaday, Condit,
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8 McPeak

9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma has entered into a one-year
13 contract with CTB/McGraw-Hill in which CTB/McGraw-Hill is
14 compensated \$8.9 million for the Oklahoma Core Curriculum tests and
15 \$7.3 million for end-of-instruction testing, with an option to renew
16 an additional four years; and

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

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

22 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives directs the Attorney
23 General of Oklahoma on behalf of the Oklahoma State Department of
24 Education and Oklahoma students to file a lawsuit against

1 CTB/McGraw-Hill to seek legal recourse and compensation for
2 egregious errors and delays.

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

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