

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1907

By: Cleveland

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Common Core Task Force; providing termination date; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership; providing date for appointments and organizational meeting; providing for selection of officers; stating duties; exempting the Task Force from certain acts; providing for meetings; providing for travel reimbursement and staff assistance; requiring completion of the study by a certain date; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2013, the "Common Core Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study the issues involved in adopting, implementing and aligning the state subject matter curriculum in English Language Arts and Mathematics with the K-12 Common Core State Standards, developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative, as provided for in Section 11-103.6a of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 B. The Task Force shall consist of sixteen (16) members as
2 follows:

3 1. Two members of the House Common Education Committee who have
4 a bachelor's degree in business or accounting or who have five (5)
5 or more years of experience in the area of business or accounting,
6 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

7 2. Two members of the Senate Education Committee who have a
8 bachelor's degree in business or accounting or who have five (5) or
9 more years of experience in the area of business or accounting,
10 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

11 3. Two members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on
12 Common Education who have a bachelor's degree in business or
13 accounting or who have five (5) or more years of experience in the
14 area of business or accounting, appointed by the Speaker of the
15 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

16 4. Two members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
17 Education who have a bachelor's degree in business or accounting or
18 who have five (5) or more years of experience in the area of
19 business or accounting, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
20 the Oklahoma State Senate;

21 5. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee;

22 6. One member who represents a statewide association of
23 teachers, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
24 Representatives;

1 7. One member who represents a statewide organization that
2 represents public school superintendents, appointed by the President
3 Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

4 8. One member who represents a statewide organization that
5 represents parents of public school students, appointed the
6 Governor; and

7 9. Four members who are superintendents of a public school
8 district in the state appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall
9 represent a rural school district located in the eastern portion of
10 the state, one of whom shall represent a rural school district
11 located in the western portion of the state, two of whom shall
12 represent an urban school district located in a county having a
13 population of more than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to
14 the latest Federal Decennial Census.

15 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
16 2013. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-
17 chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall
18 conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31, 2013.

19 D. The Task Force shall investigate and make recommendations
20 regarding:

21 1. The costs associated with adopting, implementing and
22 aligning the state subject matter curriculum in English Language
23 Arts and Mathematics with the K-12 Common Core State Standards,
24 developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative, as provided

1 for in Section 11-103.6a of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
2 including any costs associated with revising the state testing
3 program; and

4 2. Any other costs or issues associated with adopting the
5 Common Core curriculum.

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

8 F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
9 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task
10 Force by law. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for
11 their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
12 duties as follows:

13 1. Members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for
14 travel expenses in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement
15 Act;

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

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

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

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

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

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