

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2008

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An Act relating to education; creating the Dyslexia and Education Task Force; providing termination date; stating purpose of Task Force; providing for membership; providing date for appointments; describing process for filling vacancies; providing deadline for organizational meeting; directing election of a chair and vice-chair; providing for meetings; prohibiting travel reimbursement for Task Force members; listing duties of Task Force; requiring that Task Force comply with specified acts; providing staff assistance; requiring Task Force to issue report to the Legislature and Governor by a specified date; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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, to continue until December 31, 2018, the "Dyslexia and Education Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force shall be to create a dyslexia handbook that will provide guidance for schools, students and parents in identification,

1 intervention and support of students with dyslexia through
2 accommodations and assistive technology.

3 B. The Committee shall be composed of nineteen (19) members as
4 follows:

5 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;

6 2. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
7 Education or designee;

8 3. The Secretary of Education and Workforce Development or
9 designee;

10 4. The Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality
11 and Accountability or designee;

12 5. A student with dyslexia, appointed by the Speaker of the
13 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

14 6. A parent of a student with dyslexia, appointed by the
15 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

16 7. A classroom teacher, appointed by the Governor;

17 8. A special education teacher, appointed by the Speaker of the
18 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

19 9. A school principal, appointed by the President Pro Tempore
20 of the Oklahoma State Senate;

21 10. A school counselor, appointed by the Governor;

22 11. A school district director of special services, appointed
23 by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1 12. A school superintendent, appointed by the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

3 13. A school psychologist, appointed by the Governor;

4 14. A member who is part of an organization that advocates on
5 behalf of students with dyslexia, appointed by the Speaker of the
6 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

7 15. A member who is an Academic Language Therapy Association
8 certified Academic Language Therapist Qualified Instructor who is
9 also a dyslexia therapist certified by the International Dyslexia
10 Association, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma
11 State Senate;

12 16. A member who is an attorney who represents families and
13 students that have been affected by dyslexia, appointed by the
14 Governor;

15 17. A member who is part of a not-for-profit organization that
16 encourages cooperation between educators, taxpayers and elected
17 officials, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
18 Representatives;

19 18. A member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
20 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
21 and

22 19. A member of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the
23 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.
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1 C. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by September 1,
2 2017. Members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the
3 appointing authority. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled
4 by the appointing authority.

5 D. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not
6 later than October 1, 2017. The Task Force shall elect a chair and
7 vice-chair at the organizational meeting. A majority of the members
8 present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

9 E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
10 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task
11 Force by law. Members of the Task Force shall not be reimbursed for
12 travel expenses.

13 F. The Task Force shall:

14 1. Study how to effectively identify students who have
15 dyslexia;

16 2. Make recommendations for appropriate interventions for
17 students with dyslexia; and

18 3. Make this information available in a handbook for schools,
19 teachers and families to use as a resource.

20 G. The Task Force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
21 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

22 H. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
23 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.
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1 I. The Task Force shall issue a report of its findings to the
2 Legislature and Governor no later than December 1, 2018.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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