

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 261

By: Fields of the Senate

and

Casey of the House

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An Act relating to the State Aid formula; creating a task force to study and make recommendations to improve the State Aid formula; establishing expiration date; setting duties; providing for membership; providing for naming of cochairs; requiring appointments by certain date; requiring organizational meeting by certain date; specifying quorum; providing frequency of meetings; authorizing commission of a technical advisory team; prohibiting use of state funds for team compensation; subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for members; providing for staff support; directing submission of early recommendations; requiring certain report; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; 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:

1 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2018, a task
2 force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on
3 improving the State Aid formula. The task force's study shall
4 include but not be limited to the dollars allocated to the state and
5 local funding formula; formula structure including but not limited
6 to grade level weights, the student category weights and the
7 transportation factor of the State Aid formula; and efficiencies and
8 cost-saving measures regarding the footprint of school districts.

9 B. The task force shall be comprised of nineteen (19) members
10 to be appointed as follows:

11 1. Two members who are appointed by the Governor;

12 2. The Secretary of Education and Workforce Development or
13 designee;

14 3. Three members who are members of the Senate, appointed by
15 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

16 4. Three members who are members of the House of
17 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 5. One member who represents a statewide association of school
20 board members, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

21 6. One member who represents a statewide organization that
22 represents school administrators, appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives;

1 7. One member who represents a statewide organization that
2 represents businesses, appointed by the Governor;

3 8. One member who is a financial officer for a school district
4 with an average daily membership (ADM) of one thousand (1,000)
5 students or less, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
6 Senate;

7 9. One member who is a financial officer for a school district
8 with an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) students but less than
9 two thousand five hundred (2,500) students, appointed by the Speaker
10 of the House of Representatives;

11 10. One member who is a financial officer for a school district
12 with an ADM of more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) students
13 but less than ten thousand (10,000) students, appointed by the
14 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

15 11. One member who is a financial officer for a school district
16 with an ADM of more than ten thousand (10,000) students, appointed
17 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 12. One member who is employed in the financial sector,
19 appointed by the Governor;

20 13. One member who is a professional auditor, appointed by the
21 Governor; and

22 14. One member who is appointed by the Superintendent of Public
23 Instruction.
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1 The cochairst of the task force shall be the Secretary of
2 Education and Workforce Development, a member of the Senate selected
3 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and a member of the House
4 of Representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives.

6 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
7 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
8 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31,
9 2017.

10 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
11 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, ten
12 members shall constitute a quorum.

13 E. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
14 to perform the duties imposed upon it.

15 F. The task force may commission a technical advisory team to
16 research and study the funding formula and make recommendations to
17 the task force on actions to consider. No state funds shall be used
18 for compensation for the technical advisory team but may be
19 coordinated through a nonprofit organization designated by the task
20 force members.

21 G. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
22 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

23 H. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
24 travel reimbursement.

1 I. Staff support shall be provided by the State Department of
2 Education.

3 J. If the task force develops recommendations prior to December
4 31, 2017, it shall submit them to the Governor, the President Pro
5 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives
6 and the chairs of the education committees of the Senate and the
7 House of Representatives. The task force shall submit a report of
8 its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2018, to the
9 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of
10 the House of Representatives and the chairs of the education
11 committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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