

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 261

By: Fields of the Senate

3 and

4 Casey of the House
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6 An Act relating to the State Aid formula; creating a
7 task force to study and make recommendations to
8 improve the State Aid formula; providing expiration
9 date; setting duties; providing for membership;
10 providing for naming of co-chairs; providing for
11 quorum; requiring appointments by certain date;
12 requiring organizational meeting by certain date;
13 providing frequency of meetings; subjecting meetings
14 to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; providing that
15 members receive no compensation or travel
16 reimbursement; providing for staff support; requiring
17 certain report; providing for noncodification;
18 providing an effective date; and declaring an
19 emergency.
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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, 2017, a task
force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on
improving the State Aid formula. The task force's study shall
include but not be limited to the grade level weights, the student
category weights and the transportation factor of the State Aid
formula.

1 B. The task force shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members
2 to be appointed as follows:

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

5 2. Three members who are members of the House of
6 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives;

8 3. One member who represents a statewide association of school
9 board members, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

10 4. One member who represents a statewide organization that
11 represents school administrators, appointed by the Speaker of the
12 House of Representatives;

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

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

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

1 8. One member who is a financial officer for a school district
2 with an ADM of more than ten thousand (10,000) students, appointed
3 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

4 9. One member who is appointed by the Superintendent of Public
5 Instruction.

6 The co-chairs of the task force shall be a member of the Senate
7 selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and a member of
8 the House of Representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives.

10 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
11 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
12 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31,
13 2017.

14 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
15 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, seven
16 members shall constitute a quorum.

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

19 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
20 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

21 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
22 travel reimbursement.

23 H. Staff support shall be provided by the State Department of
24 Education.

1 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
2 recommendations by December 31, 2017, to the Governor, the President
3 Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives and the chairs of the education committees of the
5 Senate and the House of Representatives.

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

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

11 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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14 Presiding Officer of the Senate

15 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
16 2017.

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