

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 514

By: Stanislawski and Loveless
of the Senate

and

Casey of the House

An Act relating to schools; creating a task force to study and make recommendations on school district operations; 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; subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for members; providing for staff support; requiring certain report; directing submission of report; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Schools

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 July 31, 2018, a task force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on administrative costs, eliminating duplicative overhead costs and improving

efficiency among school district operations. The task force's study shall include but not be limited to:

1. Ways to reduce administrative costs, eliminate duplicative overhead costs and improve efficiency among school district operations;

2. The relative size of school districts, including the physical size of the district and its proximity to another school district or districts;

3. The average daily membership (ADM) of the school districts;

4. The performance of school districts based on student assessments required by Section 1210.508 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the annual reports required by Section 1210.545 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

5. The financial stability of the school districts.

B. The task force shall be comprised of twelve (12) members to be appointed as follows:

1. One member who is a member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

2. One member who is a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. One member who represents a statewide association of school board members, appointed by the State Department of Education;

4. One member who represents a statewide organization that represents school administrators, appointed by the State Department of Education;

5. One member who is a superintendent for a school district with an average daily membership (ADM) of one thousand (1,000) students or less, appointed by the State Department of Education;

6. One member who is an administrator for a school district with an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000) students but less than

two thousand five hundred (2,500) students, appointed by the State Department of Education;

7. One member who is a financial officer for a school district with an ADM of more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) students but less than ten thousand (10,000) students, appointed by the State Department of Education;

8. One member who is an administrator for a school district with an ADM of more than ten thousand (10,000) students, appointed by the State Department of Education;

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

10. Two members of the business community, appointed by the Governor; and

11. One member who represents the Career and Technology Education System, appointed by the State Department of Education.

The cochairs of the task force shall be a member of the Senate selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 1, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations by August 1, 2018, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairs of the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The State Department of Education shall submit a copy of the report to the superintendent and board of education of every school district identified in the report.

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

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or 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.

Passed the Senate the 3rd day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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