

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1234

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; creating a task force to study and make recommendations regarding two-year colleges; establishing expiration date; providing for membership; providing for naming of chair; requiring appointments by certain date; requiring organizational meeting by certain date; specifying quorum; providing for frequency of meetings; subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for members; providing for staff support; requiring submission of certain report by certain date; providing for codification; 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 to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4432 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2019, a task force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on efficiencies in operating and governing two-year colleges within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

1 B. The task force shall be comprised of five (5) members to be
2 appointed as follows:

3 1. One member who represents the business community, appointed
4 by the Governor;

5 2. One member who represents a two-year college, appointed by
6 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7 3. One member who represents a comprehensive university,
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 4. The Chancellor of Higher Education or designee; and

10 5. The Secretary of Education and Workforce Development or
11 designee.

12 The chair of the task force shall be the Secretary of Education
13 and Workforce Development or designee.

14 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
15 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
16 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31,
17 2018.

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

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

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

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

3 H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
4 provide staff and administrative support for the task force.

5 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
6 recommendations by July 1, 2019, to the Governor, the President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

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

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