

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 597

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to higher education; creating a task force to study and make recommendations regarding how four-year colleges can assist two-year colleges in saving money by offering certain assistance; 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, 2020, a task force to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on how four-year colleges within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education can assist two-year colleges within The Oklahoma State System of Higher

1 Education to save money by offering assistance with administrative
2 services. For the purposes of this section, "administrative
3 services" shall mean the duties of any college employee who has
4 responsibility for administrative functions including but not
5 limited to human resources, purchasing, accounting and information
6 technology.

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

9 1. One member who represents the business community, appointed
10 by the Governor;

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

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

15 4. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee; and

16 5. The Secretary of Education or a designee.

17 The chair of the task force shall be the Secretary of Education
18 or his or her designee.

19 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
20 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
21 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31,
22 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

12 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
13 recommendations by July 1, 2020, to the Governor, the President Pro
14 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

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

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