

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
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FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2693

By: Williams, Phillips,  
McBride, Talley, Dills,  
Russ, Nollan, Sterling, and  
Boles of the House

and

Pugh and Kidd of the Senate

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An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma Education Commission; setting expiration date of Commission; providing for membership; requiring organizational meeting by certain date; directing certain members to serve as chair and vice-chair; requiring approval of quorum for final action; specifying quorum requirement; providing for frequency of meetings; prescribing duties of Commission; subjecting Commission to certain acts; prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for members; providing for staff support; requiring submission of certain report by certain date; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1       SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-201 of Title 70, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. There is hereby created until November 1, 2027, the Oklahoma  
5 Education Commission.

6       B. The Commission shall consist of seventeen (17) members to be  
7 appointed as follows:

8       1. A member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall be  
9 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

10       2. A member of the Oklahoma State Senate shall be appointed by  
11 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

12       3. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or his or her  
13 designee;

14       4. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, or his  
15 or her designee;

16       5. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Educational  
17 Television Authority, or his or her designee;

18       6. Four members with expertise in online and educational  
19 innovation shall be appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education,  
20 one of whom shall be a representative of the Oklahoma State Regents  
21 for Higher Education, one of whom shall be a representative of a  
22 research institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
23 Education, one of whom shall be a representative of a regional  
24 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,

1 and one of whom shall be a representative of a community college  
2 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;

3 7. Four members with expertise in effective approaches to  
4 classroom instruction and learning or educational innovation shall  
5 be appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, one  
6 of whom shall represent the State Department of Education, one of  
7 whom shall be a school district administrator, one of whom shall be  
8 a certified classroom teacher, and one of whom shall be a high  
9 school student; and

10 8. Four members with expertise in effective approaches to  
11 career and technology education instruction and learning or  
12 educational innovation shall be appointed by the Director of the  
13 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, one of whom  
14 shall represent the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology  
15 Education, one of whom shall be an administrator of a state  
16 technology center school or college, one of whom shall be a  
17 certified teacher at a state technology center school or college,  
18 and one of whom shall be a student enrolled at a state technology  
19 center school or college.

20 C. The Commission shall hold an organizational meeting not  
21 later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act.  
22 The member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives shall serve as  
23 chair of the Commission and the member of the Oklahoma State Senate  
24 shall serve as vice-chair. A quorum of the membership of the

1 Commission shall be required to approve any final action of the  
2 Commission. For purposes of this section, nine members shall  
3 constitute a quorum.

4 D. The Commission may meet as often as required to perform the  
5 duties imposed upon it, but shall meet at least quarterly.

6 E. The Commission shall engage multiple stakeholders in  
7 research, evaluation, and information sharing to conduct a study on  
8 how to improve the quality of instruction and learning through  
9 distance and remote modalities. Topic areas of the study shall  
10 include, but not be limited to:

- 11 1. Support infrastructure;
- 12 2. Open education resources;
- 13 3. Compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act;
- 14 4. Professional development; and
- 15 5. Modality research.

16 F. The Commission shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting  
17 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

18 G. Members of the Commission shall not receive compensation or  
19 travel reimbursement.

20 H. The Oklahoma House of Representatives shall provide staff  
21 and administrative support for the Commission.

22 I. The Commission shall submit a report of its findings and  
23 recommendations no later than November 1, 2027, to the Governor, the  
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1 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker  
2 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.  
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