

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 1139

By: Bullard and Stephens of the
Senate

and

Baker of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to teacher pay; creating a task force to study and make recommendations regarding certain types of pay to reward the highest quality teachers; providing expiration date; providing for membership; providing for designation of chair and vice chair; requiring appointments by certain date; requiring organizational meeting by certain date; specifying quorum; providing for frequency of meetings; allowing members to participate via videoconference; 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 18-126 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2023, a task
2 force to study and make recommendations for pay for performance,
3 qualitative pay, and/or merit pay that would reward the highest
4 quality teachers in this state and could be used to recruit and
5 retain high quality teachers.

6 B. The task force shall be comprised of ten (10) members to be
7 appointed as follows:

8 1. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
9 Senate, one of whom shall be a teacher employed by a public school
10 district located in a county with a population of less than seventy
11 thousand (70,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census
12 and one of whom shall be a teacher employed by a public school
13 district located in a county with a population of more than seventy
14 thousand (70,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census;

15 2. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, one of whom shall be a teacher employed by a public
17 school district located in a county with a population of less than
18 seventy thousand (70,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial
19 Census and one of whom shall be a teacher employed by a public
20 school district located in a county with a population of more than
21 seventy thousand (70,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial
22 Census;

23 3. One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be a teacher
24 employed by a public school district in this state;

1 4. One member appointed by the Superintendent of Public
2 Instruction, who shall be a current or former Oklahoma Teacher of
3 the Year and who shall serve as chair of the task force;

4 5. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
5 Senate, who shall be a superintendent employed by a public school
6 district in this state and who shall serve as vice chair of the task
7 force;

8 6. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives, who shall be a superintendent employed by a public
10 school district in this state;

11 7. One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be a current
12 business owner in this state who is not employed by or contracted
13 with a public school district in this state; and

14 8. One member appointed by the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State
15 System of Higher Education, who shall be a member of the Oklahoma
16 Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

17 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
18 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
19 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,
20 2022.

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

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

3 F. Task force members may participate via videoconference if
4 they are visible and audible to each other through a video monitor.

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

7 H. The State Department of Education shall provide staff and
8 administrative support for the task force.

9 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
10 recommendations by November 30, 2023, to the chairs of the Senate
11 and House of Representatives education committees.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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

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