

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2691

By: Hasenbeck of the House

3 and

4 Bergstrom of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to education; directing Commission  
7 for Educational Quality and Accountability to issue  
8 report; listing recipients of report; specifying  
9 content of report; authorizing contract for  
developing report; permitting utilization of funds;  
providing for codification; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-116.5 of Title 70, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. On or before October 31, 2021, the Commission for  
16 Educational Quality and Accountability shall issue a report to the  
17 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro  
18 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Governor detailing  
19 factors in the public education system of the state that contribute  
20 to improvements in the:

21 1. Common education system, including, but not limited to, high  
22 school graduation rates and college and career assessment scores;  
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1        2. Higher education and career and technology education  
2 systems, including, but not limited to, timely graduation rates and  
3 reduced remediation rates; and

4        3. State workforce, including, but not limited to, career  
5 readiness and the ability for new graduates to find in-state  
6 employment.

7        B. If the Commission finds there is insufficient information  
8 available to fulfill any of the report objectives specified in  
9 subsection A of this section, the report shall also contain  
10 recommendations on ways to address information gaps between state  
11 entities, such as the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma  
12 Department of Career and Technology Education and the Oklahoma State  
13 Regents for Higher Education.

14        C. The Commission may contract with a private consultant or  
15 consultants to assist with the development of the report.

16        D. The Commission may utilize any funds received, including,  
17 but not limited to, any state or federal funds, grants or private  
18 donations to assist with the development of the report.

19        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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