

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 6, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 2691

By: Hasenbeck of the House

5 and

6 Bergstrom of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to education; directing Commission
9 for Educational Quality and Accountability to issue
10 report; listing recipients of report; specifying
11 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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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

18 A. On or before October 31, 2021, the Commission for
19 Educational Quality and Accountability shall issue a report to the
20 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore
21 of the Senate and the Governor detailing factors in the public
22 education system of the state that contribute to improvements in
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1 1. Common education system including, but not limited to, high
2 school graduation rates and college and career assessment scores;

3 2. Higher education and career and technology education systems
4 including, but not limited to, timely graduation rates and reduced
5 remediation rates; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
4 April 6, 2021 - DO PASS
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