

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2022

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1139

By: Bullard of the Senate

4 and

5 Baker of the House

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8 An Act relating to teacher pay; creating a task force
9 to study and make recommendations regarding certain
10 types of pay to reward the highest quality teachers;
11 providing expiration date; providing for membership;
12 providing for designation of chair and vice chair;
13 requiring appointments by certain date; requiring
14 organizational meeting by certain date; specifying
15 quorum; providing for frequency of meetings; allowing
16 members to participate via videoconference;
17 prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for
18 members; providing for staff support; requiring
19 submission of certain report by certain date;
20 providing for codification; providing an effective
21 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

26 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
27 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18-126 of Title 70, unless there
28 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

29 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2023, a task
30 force to study and make recommendations for pay for performance,
31 qualitative pay, and/or merit pay that would reward the highest

1 quality teachers in this state and could be used to recruit and
2 retain high quality teachers.

3 B. The task force shall be comprised of nine (9) members to be
4 appointed as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 7. One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be a
9 superintendent employed by a public school district in this state.

10 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
11 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
12 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,
13 2022.

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

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

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

21 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
22 travel reimbursement.

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

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

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
10 February 22, 2022 - DO PASS
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