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February 23, 2021

By: Haste of the Senate

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An Act relating to higher education; creating a task force to study and make recommendations regarding concurrent enrollment; providing expiration date; providing for membership; providing for designation of co-chairs; requiring appointments by certain date; requiring organizational meeting by certain date; specifying quorum; providing for frequency of meetings; subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; 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.

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 628.19 of Title 70, unless there is a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created until November 30, 2022, a task to study and make recommendations regarding the current and concurrent enrollment needs of the state and pathways for degrees and certificates through concurrent enrollment.

1 B. The task force shall be comprised of fourteen (14) members  
2 to be appointed as follows:

3 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro  
4 Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated co-chair of  
5 the task force;

6 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by  
7 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be  
8 designated co-chair of the task force;

9 3. Three school district superintendents, appointed by the  
10 State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

11 4. Two presidents of two-year institutions within The Oklahoma  
12 State System of Higher Education or their designees, appointed by  
13 the Chancellor of Higher Education;

14 5. Two presidents of comprehensive institutions within The  
15 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or their designees,  
16 appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education;

17 6. Two presidents of regional institutions within The Oklahoma  
18 State System of Higher Education or their designees, appointed by  
19 the Chancellor of Higher Education; and

20 7. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee.

21 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty  
22 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force  
23 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,  
24 2021.

1 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any  
2 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, eight  
3 members shall constitute a quorum.

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

6 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the  
7 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

8 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or  
9 travel reimbursement.

10 H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the  
11 Senate shall provide staff and administrative support for the task  
12 force.

13 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and  
14 recommendations by November 30, 2022, to the Governor, the President  
15 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives.

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

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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