

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 SENATE BILL 1139

By: Bullard

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to teacher pay; creating a task force
8 to study and make recommendations regarding certain
9 types of pay to reward the highest quality teachers;
10 providing expiration date; providing for membership;
11 providing for designation of chair and vice chair;
12 requiring appointments by certain date; requiring
13 organizational meeting by certain date; specifying
14 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
20 travel reimbursement.

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

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