

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2675

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating a task force to
8 study and make recommendations to modernize state
9 graduation requirements; providing expiration date;
10 providing for membership; requiring appointments by
11 certain date; requiring organizational meeting by
12 certain date; providing for selection of chair and
13 vice-chair; specifying quorum; providing for
14 frequency of meetings; subjecting meetings to the
15 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation
16 or travel reimbursement for members; providing for
17 staff support; requiring submission of certain report
18 by certain date; providing for codification;
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.5a of Title 70, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until November 1, 2024, a task force
to study and make recommendations to modernize the high school
graduation requirements in Oklahoma.

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

3 1. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee;

4 2. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a
5 designee;

6 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and
7 Technology Education or a designee;

8 4. The Common Education Committee Chair of the House of
9 Representatives or designee;

10 5. The Higher Education and Career Tech Committee chair of the
11 House of Representatives or designee;

12 6. The Education Committee Chair of the Senate or designee;

13 7. A president of a two-year institution within The Oklahoma
14 State System of Higher Education or a designee, appointed by the
15 Chancellor of Higher Education;

16 8. A president of a comprehensive institution within The
17 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a designee, appointed
18 by the Chancellor of Higher Education;

19 9. A public school superintendent of a rural school district,
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 10. A public school superintendent of an urban school district,
22 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

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1 11. A superintendent of a technology center school appointed by
2 the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
3 Education;

4 12. A member of a statewide organization representing public
5 school teachers appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives;

7 13. A member of a statewide organization representing public
8 school administrators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
9 Senate; and

10 14. A member of a statewide organization representing public
11 school boards of education appointed by the Governor.

12 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
13 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
14 shall conduct an organizational meeting no later than September 1,
15 2023. The task force shall select a chair and vice-chair at the
16 organization meeting.

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

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

22 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
23 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.
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1 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
2 travel reimbursement.

3 H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the
4 House of Representatives shall provide staff and administrative
5 support for the task force.

6 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
7 recommendations by November 1, 2024, to the Governor, the President
8 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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