

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3710 \_\_\_\_\_ Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu  
thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Chad Caldwell  
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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 PROPOSED POLICY  
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3710

7 By: Caldwell (Chad)

8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to education; creating the District  
10 Realignment Commission; providing for membership and  
11 appointments; prohibiting service on Commission by  
12 elected officials; providing procedures based on post  
13 appointment elected official status; imposing duties  
14 on Commission; requiring staff assistance;  
15 prescribing criteria for evaluation of schools or  
16 school districts; requiring final report; prescribing  
17 due date; prescribing procedures for consideration of  
18 legislative measure for approval of final report of  
the District Realignment Commission; prohibiting  
certain procedures; prescribing requirements for  
approval; requiring measure to be transmitted to the  
Secretary of State; requiring certain ballot title  
content; prescribing duties for the State Board of  
Education and the State Department of Education;  
requiring final report recommendations to be  
implemented; prohibiting certain actions or  
inactions; providing for codification; and declaring  
an emergency.

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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 1215.001 of Title 70, unless  
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. There is hereby created the "District Realignment  
2 Commission".

3       B. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) persons to be  
4 appointed or selected as follows:

5       1. Five persons to be appointed by the Governor:

6           a. one of whom shall be a professional auditor,  
7           b. one of whom shall be experienced in finance,  
8           c. one of whom shall be a representative of a statewide  
9           organization that represents business,

10           d. one of whom shall be experienced in the education  
11           area, and

12           e. one of whom shall be an at-large appointee;

13       2. One person appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
14 Representatives;

15       3. One person appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
16 Oklahoma State Senate;

17       4. One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the Oklahoma  
18 House of Representatives; and

19       5. One person appointed by the Minority Leader of the Oklahoma  
20 State Senate.

21       C. No voting member of the Commission shall be appointed if at  
22 the time of the appointment the person is an elected official. Any  
23 person appointed to the Commission who subsequently becomes an  
24 elected official during service on the Commission shall vacate the

1 position on the Commission and the vacancy shall be filled by the  
2 applicable appointing authority. All persons appointed to the  
3 Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the respective appointing  
4 authority and may be removed with or without cause. All initial  
5 appointments to the Commission shall be completed not later than  
6 November 1, 2026.

7 D. The Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency shall provide  
8 assistance to the Commission and shall prepare an initial review of  
9 schools and school districts of the state using the criteria  
10 including, but not limited to, those specified in subsection E of  
11 this section.

12 E. The Commission shall prepare a report related to the  
13 efficient management of the common schools and school districts of  
14 the state. The Commission shall evaluate schools or school  
15 districts based on financial compliance, financial efficiency and  
16 academic outcomes. The Commission shall take into consideration the  
17 total enrollment of a school or school district and physical  
18 location of schools including proximity to other schools or school  
19 districts.

20 F. The final report of the Commission shall include specific  
21 findings and recommendations including, but not limited to,  
22 recommendations that an existing district be modified, divided,  
23 subdivided, or consolidated with one or more other districts.

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1       G. The first report of the Commission shall be filed with the  
2 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and  
3 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate not later  
4 than December 1, 2027. The subsequent report shall be filed not  
5 later than December 1, 2037, and not later than December 1 occurring  
6 each ten (10) years thereafter.

7       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1215.002 of Title 70, unless  
9 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10      A. The Oklahoma House of Representatives or the Oklahoma State  
11 Senate or both such chambers shall cause to be introduced a measure  
12 in the Second Regular Session of the 61st Oklahoma Legislature in  
13 2028 for the purpose of referring a question to a vote of the people  
14 at the General Election to be held in November 2028. Such measure  
15 shall be introduced in the even-numbered year of each biennium  
16 period in each succeeding ten-year period thereafter.

17      B. The measure shall not be assigned to any standing or special  
18 committee of either chamber of the Legislature, but shall only be  
19 voted upon by each chamber on the third reading of such measure in  
20 each of the respective chambers in accordance with deadlines  
21 prescribed for the final date for third reading and final passage in  
22 each such chamber. The measure shall not be subject to amendment  
23 during consideration of the measure by either chamber.

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1 C. The measure shall either contain the full text of the final  
2 report of the District Realignment Commission or be prepared in a  
3 way that allows a member of either chamber of the Legislature to  
4 access the content of the final report from a hyperlink or similar  
5 method embedded in the version of the measure which is available to  
6 the member of the respective chamber of the Legislature or using  
7 such other method as may be required in order to ensure that each  
8 member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and each member of  
9 the Oklahoma State Senate has access to the exact same version or  
10 text of the final report of the Commission at the time the vote on  
11 Third Reading occurs in each respective chamber.

12       D. If the measure receives approval by a majority of those  
13 persons elected to and constituting each chamber of the Legislature,  
14 the measure shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State for  
15 preparation as a state question to appear on the ballot at the  
16 General Election to be held in November 2028 and at each General  
17 Election occurring in November of each succeeding ten-year period  
18 thereafter. The measure shall contain a ballot title which shall  
19 read as follows:

**BALLOT TITLE**

21 Legislative Referendum No. State Question No.

22 | THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

23 SHALL THE FINAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT REALIGNMENT COMMISSION BE  
24 APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED?

1 FOR THE PROPOSAL - YES \_\_\_\_\_

2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL - NO \_\_\_\_\_

3 E. If the measure described by this section receives approval  
4 as required by this section, the measure shall be enrolled by the  
5 chamber of origin and transmitted to the Secretary of State. No  
6 joint rules or rules of either the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
7 or the Oklahoma State Senate or other procedure shall be adopted if  
8 such rule or procedure would prevent the transmission of the  
9 enrolled version of the measure to the Secretary of State. No  
10 measure described by this section shall be presented to the Governor  
11 for action.

12 F. No public official shall have the authority to modify or  
13 replace the wording of the ballot title as prescribed by subsection  
14 D of this section.

15 G. If the question is approved, the State Board of Education  
16 and the State Department of Education shall take such actions as may  
17 be necessary to implement the recommendations as approved pursuant  
18 to the provisions of this section.

19 H. No school district shall take any action or refuse to take  
20 any action that would prevent, delay or interfere with the full  
21 implementation of the recommendations of the final report of the  
22 District Realignment Commission.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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.  
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