

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1781

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; creating the Federal  
8 Education Deregulation Task Force to study and make  
9 recommendations regarding federal education funding  
10 sources and state and local use of federal funds;  
11 providing expiration date; providing for membership;  
12 requiring appointments by certain date; requiring  
13 organizational meeting by certain date; providing for  
14 frequency of meetings; providing for election of  
15 chair, vice chair, and secretary; specifying quorum;  
providing for removal of members; providing for staff  
support; providing for duties of task force;  
prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for  
members; requiring electronic submission of certain  
report by certain date; requiring the report to be  
posted on certain website; providing for  
codification; providing an effective date; and  
declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-130 of Title 70, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created until December 1, 2026, the Federal  
23 Education Deregulation Task Force to study and make recommendations

1       regarding federal education funding sources and state and local use  
2       of federal funds.

3           B. The task force shall be comprised of seven (7) members as  
4       follows:

5           1. Three members of the Senate including:

6               a. the chair of the Senate Education Committee or his or  
7                   her designee, and  
8               b. two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
9                   the Senate;

10           2. Three members of the House of Representatives including:

11               a. the chair of the House Education Oversight Committee  
12                   or his or her designee, and  
13               b. two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
14                   Representatives; and

15           3. One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be a  
16       certified teacher.

17           C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty  
18       (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force  
19       shall conduct an organizational meeting no later than forty (40)  
20       days after the effective date of this act. The task force may meet  
21       as often as may be required to perform the duties imposed upon it.

22           D. The task force shall elect a chair, vice chair, and  
23       secretary from among its members.

1. The chair shall preside over all meetings, assign aspects of the task force's work to members, and ensure timely compliance with the provisions of this act.

2. The vice chair shall fulfill the duties of the chair in his or her absence.

3. The secretary shall be responsible for notifying task force members of the date, time, and location of task force meetings, securing meeting space, keeping meeting attendance records, taking minutes of task force meetings, and compiling and disseminating the report required by subsection K of this section.

E. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, four members shall constitute a quorum.

F. A member of the task force may be removed by a vote of five members and replaced by a member appointed by a majority vote of the task force.

G. The State Department of Education and the public school districts in this state shall provide staff support for the task force.

H. The task force shall investigate and identify:

1. a. all federal funding received by public school districts in this state, specifying for each district the amount of funds, the federal program under which

the funds were allocated, their prescribed use, and any associated funding conditions or requirements,

- b. all federal funding received by the State Department of Education, specifying the amount of funds, the federal program under which the funds were allocated, their prescribed use, and any associated funding conditions or requirements,
- c. all funding received from the United States Department of Education by any state or local agency or any nonprofit organization, specifying for each agency or organization the amount of funds, the federal program under which the funds were allocated, their prescribed use, and any associated funding conditions or requirements, and
- d. any and all federal statutory and regulatory requirements, policies, interpretations, funding conditions and requirements, directives, or guidance from the United States Department of Education that is applicable to this state.

2. The information identified pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection shall include:

a. the name of the program or grant associated with any maintenance of effort agreements, memorandum of understanding agreements, contracts, or consent

1                   decrees with any federal agency; any associated start  
2                   and completion dates; and corresponding System for  
3                   Award Management grant numbers,

4                   b. identification of any federal, state, or local funds  
5                   used to implement multi-tiered systems of support as  
6                   required by federal law including third-party  
7                   partnerships, collaboration agreements, contracts, or  
8                   memorandum of understanding agreements, and  
9                   c. identification of any federal, state, or local funds  
10                  including Medicaid funding used to support health care  
11                  services, mental health services, assessments,  
12                  screenings, and child care services in or through  
13                  public school districts in this state.

14                  I. For each identification made pursuant to subsection H of  
15                  this section, the task force shall consider the following:

16                  1. Whether and to what extent the identified item has a  
17                  measurable, demonstrated, beneficial impact on the performance of  
18                  students, the high school graduation rate, student success in and  
19                  completion of postsecondary education, and long-term career success;

20                  2. Whether the identified item prepares students for a high-  
21                  skill industry sector or occupation, a high-wage sector or  
22                  occupation, an in-demand industry sector or occupation, or other  
23                  careers eligible under federal workforce programs such as the

1 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act or the Carl D. Perkins  
2 Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006;

3       3. How the identified item complies with school district, state  
4 or local agency, or State Department of Education strategic plans;

5       4. Any specific state statutory or judicial authorization  
6 related to the identified item and any changes in existing state  
7 policies or procedures that would be necessary if the identified  
8 item were eliminated at the federal level;

9       5. Whether the identified item conflicts with any statutory or  
10 administrative policies of this state;

11       6. The number of federally funded full- and part-time positions  
12 necessary to carry out the identified item;

13       7. A description of all resources and obligations related to  
14 the identified item;

15       8. Whether the identified item should be replaced at the state  
16 level if it is eliminated at the federal level, taking into  
17 consideration the costs and benefits of the identified item; and

18       9. Any recommended mechanisms for state-level replacement of  
19 identified items at the federal level.

20       J. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or  
21 travel reimbursement.

22       K. The task force shall electronically submit a report of its  
23 findings and recommendations by December 1, 2026, to the Governor,  
24 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives. The report shall be posted on the  
2 Legislature's website in a manner and location that is easily  
3 accessible to the public.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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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