

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1578

By: Caldwell and Newton of the  
House

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4 Stanislawski of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to schools; creating the School  
8 Finance Review Commission Act; creating the School  
9 Finance Review Commission; designating membership,  
10 appointing authorities and terms; providing for staff  
11 and administrative support; prohibiting travel  
12 reimbursement; requiring Commission to conduct  
13 certain review and issue certain reports; providing  
14 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-117.1 of Title 70, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "School Finance  
20 Review Commission Act".

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-117.2 of Title 70, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. There is hereby created until January 1, 2025, in accordance  
with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the School Finance Review Commission  
consisting of:

1           1. A lay person appointed by the Governor whose term shall  
2 begin on January 1, 2018, and shall expire on December 31, 2018;

3           2. A lay person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor whose term  
4 shall begin on January 1, 2018, and shall expire on December 31,  
5 2019;

6           3. A lay person appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
7 of Representatives whose term shall begin on January 1, 2018, and  
8 shall expire on December 31, 2020;

9           4. A lay person appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
10 Oklahoma House of Representatives whose term shall begin on January  
11 1, 2018, and shall expire on December 31, 2018;

12           5. A lay person appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
13 Oklahoma State Senate whose term shall begin on January 1, 2018, and  
14 shall expire on December 31, 2019;

15           6. A lay person appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
16 Oklahoma State Senate whose term shall begin on January 1, 2018, and  
17 shall expire on December 31, 2020;

18           7. The Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality  
19 and Accountability or his or her designee who is an employee of the  
20 Office of Educational Quality and Accountability who shall be an ex  
21 officio and nonvoting member; and

22           8. The State Superintendent or his or her designee who is an  
23 employee of the State Department of Education who shall be an ex  
24 officio and nonvoting member.

1 B. Thereafter persons shall be appointed by the appointing  
2 authority for terms of three (3) years beginning on January 1, or  
3 until the Commission expires. Any vacancy shall be filled by the  
4 appointing authority for the remainder of the unexpired term.

5 C. No person shall be appointed to the Commission who at the  
6 time of his or her appointment is an elected official. Any person  
7 who is appointed to the Commission who subsequently becomes an  
8 elected official during his or her term on the Commission shall be  
9 required to vacate his or her position on the Commission.

10 D. The Educational Quality and Accountability Commission shall  
11 provide staff and administrative support to the Commission. The  
12 State Department of Education shall assist the Educational Quality  
13 and Accountability Commission as needed in providing staff and  
14 administrative support to the Commission.

15 E. The Commission shall hold its meetings in compliance with  
16 the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

17 F. No person appointed to the Commission shall be permitted to  
18 receive travel reimbursement.

19 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-117.3 of Title 70, unless  
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. The School Finance Review Commission shall conduct a review  
23 of all matters related to school finance, including but not limited  
24 to teacher compensation, benefits and administration costs.

1 B. The Commission shall submit a report of its findings to the  
2 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of  
3 the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2019, and in  
4 subsequent years on January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2025.

5 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 2017.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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