

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1578

By: Caldwell

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8                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 2. A lay person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor whose term  
7 shall begin on January 1, 2018, and shall expire on December 31,  
8 2019;

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

12 4. A lay person appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
13 Oklahoma House of Representatives whose term shall begin on January  
14 1, 2018, and shall expire on December 31, 2018;

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

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

21 7. The Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality  
22 and Accountability or his or her designee who is an employee of the  
23 Office of Educational Quality and Accountability which shall be an  
24 ex officio and nonvoting position; and

1           8. The State Superintendent or his or her designee who is an  
2 employee of the State Department of Education which shall be an ex  
3 officio and nonvoting member.

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

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

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

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

20           F. No person appointed to the Commission shall be permitted to  
21 receive travel reimbursement.

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

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

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

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

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10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
11 03/02/2017 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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