

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1291

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to virtual charter schools; creating
8 a task force to study and make recommendations on
9 virtual charter school operations; establishing
10 expiration date; setting duties; providing for
11 membership; providing for naming of cochairs;
12 requiring appointments by certain date; requiring
13 organizational meeting by certain date; specifying
14 quorum; providing frequency of meetings; subjecting
15 meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
16 prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for
17 members; providing for staff support; requiring
18 certain report; directing submission of report;
19 providing for noncodification; providing an effective
20 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

24 A. There is hereby created until July 31, 2019, a task force to
study and make recommendations to the Legislature on the virtual
charter school system. The task force's study shall include but not
be limited to virtual charter school graduation rates and
calculations; student attendance policies; student eligibility and
applicability of student transfer laws; funding mechanisms;

1 incentives provided to students, parents and teachers; transparency
2 of administrative costs and activity fund accounts; management
3 arrangements and/or contracts with for-profit entities; and
4 performance of virtual charter schools based on student assessments
5 required by Section 1210.508 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes
6 and the annual reports required by Section 1210.545 of Title 70 of
7 the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 B. The task force shall be comprised of ten (10) members to be
9 appointed as follows:

10 1. One member who is a member of the Senate, appointed by the
11 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

12 2. One member who is a member of the House of Representatives,
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

14 3. One member who represents a statewide association of school
15 board members, appointed by the State Department of Education;

16 4. One member who represents a statewide organization that
17 represents school administrators, appointed by the State Department
18 of Education;

19 5. One member who is a superintendent or financial officer for
20 a school district with an average daily membership (ADM) of one
21 thousand (1,000) students or less, appointed by the State Department
22 of Education;

23 6. One member who is a superintendent or financial officer for
24 a school district with an ADM of more than one thousand (1,000)

1 students but less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) students,
2 appointed by the State Department of Education;

3 7. One member who is a superintendent or financial officer for
4 a school district with an ADM of more than two thousand five hundred
5 (2,500) students but less than ten thousand (10,000) students,
6 appointed by the State Department of Education;

7 8. One member who is a superintendent or financial officer for
8 a school district with an ADM of more than ten thousand (10,000)
9 students, appointed by the State Department of Education;

10 9. One member who is appointed by the Superintendent of Public
11 Instruction; and

12 10. One member who is appointed by the Executive Director of
13 the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board.

14 The cochairs of the task force shall be a member of the Senate
15 selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and a member of
16 the House of Representatives selected by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
19 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
20 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31,
21 2018.

22 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
23 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, six
24 (6) members shall constitute a quorum.

1 E. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
2 to perform the duties imposed upon it.

3 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
4 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

5 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
6 travel reimbursement.

7 H. Staff support shall be provided by the State Department of
8 Education.

9 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
10 recommendations by August 1, 2019, to the Governor, the President
11 Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives and the chairs of the education committees of the
13 Senate and House of Representatives.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

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

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