An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 2129

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Coody and Kern of the House

An Act relating to schools; creating the Statewide Virtual School Task Force; stating duties; providing for membership, appointment, designation of officers, quorum, staff support, and travel reimbursement; requiring report of findings and recommendations; and providing for noncodification.

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

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

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2010, the Statewide Virtual School Task Force. Due to the findings of the Internet-Based Instruction Task Force, created pursuant to Enrolled Senate Bill No. 604 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature, exploration of meeting the needs of all students on a broader basis is warranted. The task force created herein shall explore the feasibility of establishment of a statewide virtual school. If the recommendation is to create a statewide virtual school, the task force shall further study and make recommendations for the purpose, structure, enrollment process, types of courses to be taught, services to be provided, location of operations, and funding for a statewide virtual school.

B. The task force shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:

1. One member of the Senate, who shall serve as chair of the task force, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

2. The Chair of the Senate Education Committee, or designee;

3. The Chair of the House Common Education Committee, or designee;

4. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee; and

6. Two members selected from among public school educators and administrators, appointed by the Governor.

C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31, 2010. Meetings of the task force shall be held at the call of the chair of the task force. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the State Department of Education, the Senate, and the House of Representatives.

D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. State employees who are members of the task force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act;

2. All other task force members shall be reimbursed by the appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. The task force shall submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Governor this 18th

day of May, 2010,

at 11:50 o'clock A M.

By: [illegible]

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the 24th day of

May, 2010, at 4:45 o'clock P M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Secretary of State this

24th day of May, 2010,

at 5:47 o'clock P. M.

By: M. Susan Savage