

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2008

By: McCall of the House

3 and

4 Stanislawski of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to education; creating the Dyslexia
7 and Education Task Force; providing termination date;
8 stating purpose of Task Force; providing for
9 membership; providing date for appointments;
10 describing process for filling vacancies; providing
11 deadline for organizational meeting; directing
12 election of a chair and vice-chair; providing for
13 meetings; prohibiting travel reimbursement for Task
14 Force members; listing duties of Task Force;
15 requiring that Task Force comply with specified acts;
16 providing staff assistance; requiring Task Force to
17 issue report to the Legislature and Governor by a
18 specified date; providing for noncodification; and
19 providing an effective date.

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

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

23 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,
24 2018, the "Dyslexia and Education Task Force". The purpose of the
Task Force shall be to create a dyslexia handbook that will provide
guidance for schools, students and parents in identification,
intervention and support of students with dyslexia through
accommodations and assistive technology.

- 1 B. The Committee shall be composed of nineteen (19) members as
2 follows:
- 3 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
 - 4 2. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
5 Education or designee;
 - 6 3. The Secretary of Education and Workforce Development or
7 designee;
 - 8 4. The Executive Director of the Office of Educational Quality
9 and Accountability or designee;
 - 10 5. A student with dyslexia, appointed by the Speaker of the
11 Oklahoma House of Representatives;
 - 12 6. A parent of a student with dyslexia, appointed by the
13 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
 - 14 7. A classroom teacher, appointed by the Governor;
 - 15 8. A special education teacher, appointed by the Speaker of the
16 Oklahoma House of Representatives;
 - 17 9. A school principal, appointed by the President Pro Tempore
18 of the Oklahoma State Senate;
 - 19 10. A school counselor, appointed by the Governor;
 - 20 11. A school district director of special services, appointed
21 by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
 - 22 12. A school superintendent, appointed by the President Pro
23 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
 - 24 13. A school psychologist, appointed by the Governor;

1 14. A member who is part of an organization that advocates on
2 behalf of students with dyslexia, appointed by the Speaker of the
3 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

4 15. A member who is an Academic Language Therapy Association
5 certified Academic Language Therapist Qualified Instructor who is
6 also a dyslexia therapist certified by the International Dyslexia
7 Association, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma
8 State Senate;

9 16. A member who is an attorney who represents families and
10 students that have been affected by dyslexia, appointed by the
11 Governor;

12 17. A member who is part of a not-for-profit organization that
13 encourages cooperation between educators, taxpayers and elected
14 officials, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
15 Representatives;

16 18. A member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
17 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
18 and

19 19. A member of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

21 C. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by September 1,
22 2017. Members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the
23 appointing authority. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled
24 by the appointing authority.

1 D. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not
2 later than October 1, 2017. The Task Force shall elect a chair and
3 vice-chair at the organizational meeting. A majority of the members
4 present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

5 E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
6 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task
7 Force by law. Members of the Task Force shall not be reimbursed for
8 travel expenses.

9 F. The Task Force shall:

10 1. Study how to effectively identify students who have
11 dyslexia;

12 2. Make recommendations for appropriate interventions for
13 students with dyslexia; and

14 3. Make this information available in a handbook for schools,
15 teachers and families to use as a resource.

16 G. The Task Force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
17 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

18 H. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
19 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

20 I. The Task Force shall issue a report of its findings to the
21 Legislature and Governor no later than December 1, 2018.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate