

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE BILL 2691

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to education; directing Commission  
8 for Educational Quality and Accountability to issue  
9 report; listing recipients of report; specifying  
10 content of report; authorizing contract for  
developing report; permitting utilization of funds;  
providing for codification; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-116.5 of Title 70, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. On or before October 31, 2021, the Commission for  
19 Educational Quality and Accountability shall issue a report to the  
20 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro  
21 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Governor detailing  
22 factors in the public education system of the state that contribute  
23 to improvements in the:  
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1 1. Common education system, including, but not limited to, high  
2 school graduation rates and college and career assessment scores;

3 2. Higher education and career and technology education  
4 systems, including, but not limited to, timely graduation rates and  
5 reduced remediation rates; and

6 3. State workforce, including, but not limited to, career  
7 readiness and the ability for new graduates to find in-state  
8 employment.

9 B. If the Commission finds there is insufficient information  
10 available to fulfill any of the report objectives specified in  
11 subsection A of this section, the report shall also contain  
12 recommendations on ways to address information gaps between state  
13 entities, such as the State Department of Education, the Oklahoma  
14 Department of Career and Technology Education and the Oklahoma State  
15 Regents for Higher Education.

16 C. The Commission may contract with a private consultant or  
17 consultants to assist with the development of the report.

18 D. The Commission may utilize any funds received, including,  
19 but not limited to, any state or federal funds, grants or private  
20 donations to assist with the development of the report.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

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