

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1079

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma
7 School Oversight and Review Commission until certain
8 date subject to certain law; providing for membership
9 of Commission; providing for naming of cochairs;
10 requiring appointments by certain date; specifying
11 quorum; providing for frequency of meetings;
12 requiring the Commission to comply with the Oklahoma
13 Open Meeting Act; prohibiting certain compensation or
14 reimbursement for members; providing for staff
15 support; providing for duties of Commission;
16 directing the Commission to consider certain factors;
17 requiring submission of findings and recommendations
18 by certain date; providing for codification;
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-169 of Title 70, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 2023, in
accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the
Oklahoma School Oversight and Review (SOAR) Commission.

B. The Commission shall be comprised of sixteen (16) members to
be appointed as follows:

- 1 1. One member who is employed by a school district with an
2 average daily membership (ADM) of less than five hundred (500)
3 students, appointed by the Governor;
- 4 2. One member who is employed by a school district with an ADM
5 of more than five hundred (500) but less than one thousand (1,000)
6 students, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 7 3. One member who is employed by a school district with an ADM
8 of more than one thousand (1,000) but less than two thousand five
9 hundred (2,500) students, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives;
- 11 4. One member who is employed by a school district with a
12 square mileage above the state average of one hundred thirty-five
13 (135) square miles, appointed by the Governor;
- 14 5. One member who is employed by a school district with a
15 square mileage that is less than the state average of one hundred
16 thirty-five (135) square miles, appointed by the President Pro
17 Tempore of the Senate;
- 18 6. One member who is employed by a school district that
19 underwent consolidation within the past ten (10) years, appointed by
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 21 7. One member who shall represent the state at large, appointed
22 by the Governor;
- 23 8. One member who is employed by a charter school, appointed by
24 the Governor;

1 9. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate;

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

5 11. One member who represents a statewide organization of
6 school board members, appointed by the Governor;

7 12. One member who represents a statewide organization that
8 represents teachers, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
9 Senate;

10 13. One member who represents a statewide organization that
11 represents school administrators, appointed by the Speaker of the
12 House of Representatives;

13 14. One member who represents a dependent school district,
14 appointed by the Governor;

15 15. The Secretary of Education and Workforce Development, or
16 his or her designee; and

17 16. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her
18 designee.

19 C. The cochairs of the Commission shall be the member of the
20 Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
21 member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
22 the House of Representatives.

23 D. Appointments to the Commission shall be made within thirty
24 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The Commission

1 shall conduct an organizational meeting no later than August 1,
2 2018.

3 E. A quorum of the Commission shall be required to approve any
4 final action or recommendations. For the purposes of this section,
5 nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum.

6 F. The Commission may meet as often as may be required to
7 perform the duties imposed upon it.

8 G. The meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the
9 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

10 H. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation or
11 travel reimbursement.

12 I. Staff support for the Commission shall be provided by the
13 State Department of Education.

14 J. The Commission shall be tasked with improving educational
15 opportunities for all students educated in public schools in the
16 state by making recommendations to realign resources and funding to
17 achieve better outcomes. In reviewing all public schools in the
18 state, the Commission shall take into consideration the following
19 factors:

20 1. The graduation rate of a school that offers grades
21 kindergarten through twelve;

22 2. The dropout rate;

23 3. The number of students who graduate and enroll in
24 postsecondary education;

1 4. The percentage of students who moved forward or maintained
2 grade-level proficiency;

3 5. Advanced coursework offerings and participation, including
4 concurrent or dual enrollment offerings and participation and
5 Advanced Placement offerings and participation;

6 6. Performance of kindergarten through third grade students on
7 the reading assessments administered pursuant to Section 1210.508C
8 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

9 7. Consolidative measures to include shared logistics,
10 districts, administration and services;

11 8. Performance on statewide student assessments administered
12 pursuant to Section 1210.508 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

13 9. The square mileage of the public school district; and

14 10. The current pay structures of school employees.

15 K. The Commission shall submit its preliminary findings and
16 recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
17 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November
18 1, 2019. Additional findings and recommendations shall be due on
19 December 31 of each subsequent year.

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

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 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
2 and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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