

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1169

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to education; creating the 1907
8 Project as an advisory committee; stating purpose;
9 providing definition; providing for membership;
10 providing for designation of chair; requiring
11 appointments by certain date; providing member terms;
12 providing for removal of member and filling of
13 vacancy; providing for convening of meetings;
14 providing duties of advisory committee; allowing
15 solicitation of statements and contributions from
16 certain individuals; prohibiting compensation or
17 travel reimbursement for members; providing for staff
18 support; requiring certain pamphlet to be provided to
19 the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety by certain
20 date; requiring the pamphlet to be provided to
21 certain persons; requiring submission of certain
22 report by certain date; providing contents of report;
23 allowing submission of subsequent reports; requiring
24 reports to be posted on certain website; requiring
25 1907 Project end by certain date; providing for
26 codification; providing an effective date; and
27 declaring an emergency.

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

31 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
32 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.6o of Title 70, unless
33 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 A. 1. The 1907 Project is hereby established as an advisory
2 committee to promote patriotic education and increase awareness of
3 Oklahoma values.

4 2. For the purposes of this section, "patriotic education"
5 means:

- 6 a. presentation of the history of Oklahoma's founding and
7 foundational principles,
- 8 b. examination of how Oklahoma has grown closer to those
9 principles throughout its history, and
- 10 c. explanation of why commitment to those principles is
11 beneficial and justified.

12 B. The 1907 Project shall be comprised of nine (9) members to
13 be appointed as follows:

- 14 1. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Senate;
- 16 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives; and
- 18 3. Three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall
19 serve as chair of the advisory committee.

20 C. Appointments to the 1907 Project shall be made within thirty
21 (30) days after the effective date of this act. Members of the 1907
22 Project shall serve two-year terms. A member may be removed by the
23 appointing authority for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or
24 malfeasance. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority.

1 D. The chair of the 1907 Project shall convene as many meetings
2 as may be required to perform the duties imposed upon the advisory
3 committee and shall coordinate and direct the activities of the
4 advisory committee.

5 E. The 1907 Project shall:

6 1. Promote awareness among the residents of this state of the
7 following as they relate to the history of prosperity and democratic
8 freedom in this state:

- 9 a. Oklahoma history,
- 10 b. the founding documents of this state,
- 11 c. the founders of this state, and
- 12 d. state civics;

13 2. Advise the Governor on the core principles of the founding
14 of this state and how those principles further enrich the lives of
15 its residents;

16 3. Facilitate the development and implementation of the
17 Gubernatorial 1907 Award to recognize student knowledge of Oklahoma
18 history;

19 4. Advise state agencies with regard to their efforts to ensure
20 patriotic education is provided to the public at state parks,
21 battlefields, monuments, museums, installations, landmarks,
22 cemeteries, and other places important to the founding of this
23 state, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law; and
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1 5. Facilitate, advise on, and promote other activities to
2 support public knowledge of and patriotic education on the founding
3 of this state, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

4 F. To carry out the provisions of subsection E of this section,
5 the 1907 Project may solicit statements and contributions from
6 intellectual and cultural figures.

7 G. Members of the 1907 Project shall receive no compensation or
8 travel reimbursement.

9 H. The State Department of Education shall provide staff and
10 administrative support for the 1907 Project.

11 I. 1. No later than July 1, 2023, the 1907 Project shall
12 provide a pamphlet to the Department of Public Safety that explains
13 the significance of policy decisions made by this state that promote
14 liberty and freedom for businesses and families. The pamphlet shall
15 include:

- 16 a. an overview of Oklahoma history and civics,
- 17 b. the legacy of economic prosperity in this state, and
- 18 c. the abundant opportunities for businesses and families
19 in this state.

20 2. The Department of Public Safety shall provide the pamphlet
21 required by this subsection to persons issued a valid Class D
22 license as provided for in Sections 6-102 or 6-105 of Title 47 of
23 the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 J. 1. No later than July 1, 2023, the 1907 Project shall
2 submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
3 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report
4 shall include:

- 5 a. a description of the activities of the 1907 Project,
- 6 b. the findings and recommendations of the 1907 Project,
- 7 c. a plan that identifies the best method of carrying out
8 the provisions of subsection E of this section,
- 9 d. any proposals for legislation, and
- 10 e. any other matter the 1907 Project considers
11 appropriate.

12 2. The 1907 Project may prepare subsequent reports as it deems
13 appropriate.

14 3. Reports submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be
15 posted on the State Department of Education's website.

16 K. The 1907 Project created in this section shall end no later
17 than July 1, 2037.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

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