

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1453

By: Haste of the Senate

and

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6 An Act relating to higher education; creating a task
7 force to study and make recommendations regarding
8 concurrent enrollment; providing expiration date;
9 providing for membership; providing for designation
10 of co-chairs; requiring appointments by certain date;
11 requiring organizational meeting by certain date;
12 specifying quorum; providing for frequency of
13 meetings; subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open
14 Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation or travel
15 reimbursement for members; providing for staff
16 support; requiring submission of certain report by
17 certain date; providing for codification; providing
18 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 628.19 of Title 70, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2021, a task
24 force to study and make recommendations regarding the current and
future concurrent enrollment needs of the state and pathways for
awarding degrees and certificates through concurrent enrollment.

B. The task force shall be comprised of fourteen (14) members
to be appointed as follows:

1 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated co-chair of
3 the task force;

4 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by
5 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
6 designated co-chair of the task force;

7 3. Three school district superintendents, appointed by the
8 State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

9 4. Two presidents of two-year institutions within The Oklahoma
10 State System of Higher Education or their designees, appointed by
11 the Chancellor of Higher Education;

12 5. Two presidents of comprehensive institutions within The
13 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or their designees,
14 appointed by the Chancellor of Higher Education;

15 6. Two presidents of regional institutions within The Oklahoma
16 State System of Higher Education or their designees, appointed by
17 the Chancellor of Higher Education; and

18 7. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee.

19 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
20 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
21 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 1,
22 2020.

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1 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
2 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, eight
3 members shall constitute a quorum.

4 E. The task force may meet as often as may be required to
5 perform the duties imposed upon it.

6 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
7 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

8 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
9 travel reimbursement.

10 H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the
11 Senate shall provide staff and administrative support for the task
12 force.

13 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
14 recommendations by November 30, 2021, to the Governor, the President
15 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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

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Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2020.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2020.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives