

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 597

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

3 and

4 Baker of the House

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6 [higher education - how four-year colleges can
7 assist two-year colleges in saving money -
8 organizational meeting - codification - ~~effective~~
9 ~~date~~ -
10 ~~emergency~~]

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4432 of Title 70, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2020, a task force to
16 study and make recommendations to the Legislature on how four-year
17 colleges within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education can
18 assist two-year colleges within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
19 Education to save money by offering assistance with administrative
20 services. For the purposes of this section, "administrative
21 services" shall mean the duties of any college employee who has
22 responsibility for administrative functions including but not
23 limited to human resources, purchasing, accounting and information
24 technology.

1 B. The task force shall be comprised of five (5) members to be
2 appointed as follows:

3 1. One member who represents the business community, appointed
4 by the Governor;

5 2. One member who represents a two-year college, appointed by
6 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7 3. One member who represents a comprehensive university,
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 4. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee; and

10 5. The Secretary of Education or a designee.

11 The chair of the task force shall be the Secretary of Education
12 or his or her designee.

13 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
14 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The task force
15 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31,
16 2019.

17 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
18 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, three
19 members shall constitute a quorum.

20 E. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
21 to perform the duties imposed upon it.

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

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1 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
2 travel reimbursement.

3 H. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall
4 provide staff and administrative support for the task force.

5 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
6 recommendations by July 1, 2020, to the Governor, the President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives.

9 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.~~

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

14 Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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18 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
19 2019.

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