

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL NO.625

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to arts education; creating a task
8 force to study and make recommendations regarding
9 arts education in public schools; establishing
10 expiration date; providing for membership; requiring
11 appointments by certain date; providing for filling
12 of vacancies; requiring organizational meeting by
13 certain date; providing for election of chair and
14 vice chair; specifying quorum; providing for
15 frequency of meetings; subjecting meetings to the
16 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open
17 Records Act; prohibiting compensation or travel
18 reimbursement for members; providing for staff
19 support; requiring submission of certain reports by
20 certain dates; providing for contents of report;
21 providing for codification; providing an effective
22 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

24 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-103.12 of Title 70, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2022, the Arts
26 Education Task Force to determine the current status of arts
27 education in public schools in this state and make recommendations
28 to ensure equitable access to fine arts education for all students.

1 Arts education shall mean instruction and programming in any art
2 disciplines including but not limited to dance, music, visual arts,
3 drama and media arts.

4 B. The task force shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members to
5 be appointed as follows:

6 1. One member who represents a statewide music education
7 association, appointed by the Governor;

8 2. One member who represents a county having less than one
9 hundred thousand (100,000) population according to the latest
10 Federal Decennial Census, appointed by the Governor;

11 3. One member who represents a statewide organization
12 representing school administrators, appointed by the Governor;

13 4. One member representing a non-profit organization that
14 operates a fine arts institute for high school students and a
15 continuing education program, appointed by the Governor;

16 5. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
17 Tempore of the Senate;

18 6. One member who represents a statewide non-profit
19 organization that works with community arts organizations and
20 advocates on behalf of arts funding and arts education, appointed by
21 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

22 7. One member who represents a statewide visual arts education
23 association, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

1 8. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3 9. One member who represents a statewide entity that supports
4 school-wide improvement through arts-focused, experiential
5 curriculum, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives;

7 10. One member who represents a county having more than three
8 hundred thousand (300,000) population according to the latest
9 Federal Decennial Census, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives;

11 11. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a
12 designee;

13 12. The Chancellor of Higher Education or a designee;

14 13. The Secretary of Education or a designee;

15 14. The executive director of the Office of Educational Quality
16 and Accountability or a designee; and

17 15. The executive director of the Oklahoma Arts Council or a
18 designee.

19 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within thirty
20 (30) days after the effective date of this act. A vacancy on the
21 task force shall be filled by the appointing authority.

22 D. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting no
23 later than October 1, 2019. The chair and vice chair of the task
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1 force shall be elected from among the membership at the
2 organizational meeting.

3 E. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
4 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, seven
5 members shall constitute a quorum.

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

8 G. The task force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
9 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

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

12 I. The Senate, the State Department of Education and the
13 Oklahoma Arts Council shall provide staff support for the task
14 force.

15 J. The task force shall submit interim reports of findings and
16 recommendations by December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2021, to the
17 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
18 the House of Representatives. The task force shall submit a final
19 report of its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2022, to
20 the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The interim reports and
22 final reports shall include recommendations regarding policy,
23 regulations, accountability, resource allocation and ways to improve
24 access to reliable data to better inform policy and practice.

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

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