

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 597

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; creating a task  
8 force to study and make recommendations regarding how  
9 four-year colleges can assist two-year colleges in  
10 saving money by offering certain assistance;  
11 establishing expiration date; providing for  
12 membership; providing for naming of chair; requiring  
13 appointments by certain date; requiring  
14 organizational meeting by certain date; specifying  
15 quorum; providing for frequency of meetings;  
16 subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;  
17 prohibiting compensation or travel reimbursement for  
18 members; providing for staff support; requiring  
19 submission of certain report by certain date;  
20 providing for codification; providing an effective  
21 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

31 A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2020, a task force to  
32 study and make recommendations to the Legislature on how four-year  
33 colleges within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education can  
34 assist two-year colleges within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
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1 Education to save money by offering assistance with administrative  
2 services. For the purposes of this section, "administrative  
3 services" shall mean the duties of any college employee who has  
4 responsibility for administrative functions including but not  
5 limited to human resources, purchasing, accounting and information  
6 technology.

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

9 1. One member who represents the business community, appointed  
10 by the Governor;

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

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

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

16 5. The Secretary of Education or a designee.

17 The chair of the task force shall be the Secretary of Education  
18 or his or her 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 August 31,  
22 2019.

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, three  
3 members shall constitute a quorum.

4 E. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order  
5 to 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 shall  
11 provide staff and administrative support for the task force.

12 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and  
13 recommendations by July 1, 2020, to the Governor, the President Pro  
14 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives.

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

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

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