

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 710

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Sections 3-116.2 and 3-116.3, which relate to the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability and the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability; renaming Commission effective on certain date; providing for member terms to be staggered; renaming the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability; updating statutory references; updating certain references beginning on certain date; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-116.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-116.2. A. Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby created the Commission for Educational Quality and Accountability, which shall be known as the Commission for Education Impact effective November 1, 2025. The membership of the Commission shall consist of:

1. The Secretary of Education, who shall serve as the chair of the Commission;

1           2. One member appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
2 consent of the Senate, representing business and industry from an  
3 Oklahoma employer with five hundred (500) or fewer employees;

4           3. One member, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
5 consent of the Senate, who is a parent of a child enrolled in a  
6 public school in this state;

7           4. One member, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
8 consent of the Senate, who is an administrator of a public school  
9 district;

10          5. One member, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
11 consent of the Senate, who shall represent higher education teacher  
12 education programs;

13          6. One member appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
14 consent of the Senate, who shall be an active classroom teacher in  
15 kindergarten through grade six; and

16          7. One member appointed by the Governor, with the advice and  
17 consent of the Senate, who shall be an active classroom teacher in  
18 grades seven through twelve.

19          The terms of the initial appointed members shall commence on  
20 January 1, 2013, and shall end on June 30, 2014. ~~The~~ Effective  
21 November 1, 2025, the terms of ~~subsequently~~ the six appointed  
22 members shall ~~commence on July 1 of each year following the election~~  
23 ~~of the Governor thereafter and shall be for~~ staggered. The terms of  
24 members appointed after the effective date of this act shall

1 commence on July 1, 2027. The terms of two members shall end on  
2 June 30, 2029, on June 30, 2030, and on June 30, 2031. The terms of  
3 subsequently appointed members shall be four (4) years. If a  
4 vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term  
5 in the same manner as the office was previously filled.

6 B. A quorum of the Commission, which shall consist of four  
7 members, shall be present in order for the Commission to transact  
8 any business. Members shall be reimbursed for travel in the  
9 performance of their official duties in accordance with the State  
10 Travel Reimbursement Act.

11 C. Prior to July 1, 2013, the Commission shall meet to organize  
12 and plan for the assumption of the powers and duties of the  
13 Education Oversight Board and the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher  
14 Preparation.

15 D. Beginning July 1, 2013, the Commission shall assume the  
16 following duties:

17 1. Oversee implementation of the provisions of Enrolled House  
18 Bill No. 1017 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of the 42nd Oklahoma  
19 Legislature;

20 2. Implementation of the provisions of the Oklahoma Teacher  
21 Preparation Act as provided for in law;

22 3. Make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on  
23 methods to achieve an aligned, seamless system from preschool  
24 through postsecondary education; and

1 4. Set performance levels and corresponding cut scores pursuant  
2 to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act and as provided for in  
3 Section 1210.541 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

4 E. Beginning July 1, 2013, the Commission shall govern the  
5 operation of ~~the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability~~  
6 ImpactEd created in Section 3-117 of ~~Title 70 of the Oklahoma~~  
7 ~~Statutes~~ this title.

8 F. 1. Beginning July 1, 2014, the Commission shall assume the  
9 following duties of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation  
10 according to the provisions of the Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act:

- 11 a. approval and accreditation of teacher education
- 12 programs, and
- 13 b. assessment of candidates for licensure and
- 14 certification.

15 2. To implement the provisions of this subsection the  
16 Commission shall:

- 17 a. include the State Board of Education in the process,
- 18 b. review and assess approved, accredited, and new
- 19 programs of teacher education, and
- 20 c. encourage studies and research designed to improve
- 21 teacher education.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 3-116.3, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 3-116.3. A. As of ~~July 1, 2013~~ November 1, 2025, all  
2 references to the Education Oversight Board shall mean the  
3 Commission for ~~Educational Quality and Accountability~~ Education  
4 Impact.

5 B. As of ~~July 1, 2013~~ November 1, 2025, all references to the  
6 Office of Accountability shall mean the ~~Office of Educational~~  
7 ~~Quality and Accountability~~ ImpactEd.

8 C. As of ~~July 1, 2014~~ November 1, 2025, all references to the  
9 Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation shall mean the  
10 Commission for ~~Educational Quality and Accountability~~ Education  
11 Impact.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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