

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL 1512

By: Kern and Enns of the House

and

6 Jolley and Pittman of the
7 Senate

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10 [schools - creating the Oklahoma Educational
11 Interpreter for the Deaf Task Force - ~~effective date~~
12 - ~~emergency~~

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 The State Department of Education shall conduct a capacity
18 review of educational interpreters available to school districts in
19 the state and submit a report by December 1, 2015, to the Governor,
20 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created until December 1, 2015, the
2 "Oklahoma Educational Interpreter for the Deaf Task Force". The
3 Task Force shall conduct a thorough review of the Oklahoma
4 Educational Interpreter for the Deaf Act and make recommendations to
5 the Legislature for any changes to the requirements for educational
6 interpreters.

7 B. The Task Force shall consist of eight (8) members to be
8 appointed as follows:

9 1. One member representing the State Department of Education,
10 appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall
11 serve as chair of the task force;

12 2. One member who is a parent of a deaf or hard-of-hearing
13 student, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

14 3. One member who has attained National Association of the Deaf
15 Level IV or better, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
16 Senate;

17 4. One member who has attained Quality Assurance Screening Test
18 Level III or better, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 5. One member who is a teacher with a deaf or hard-of-hearing
21 student in his or her class, appointed by the President Pro Tempore
22 of the Senate;

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1 6. One member who is a principal of a school at which a deaf or
2 hard-of-hearing student is enrolled, to be appointed by the Speaker
3 of the House of Representatives;

4 7. One member who represents an organization that advocates on
5 behalf of deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals, appointed by the
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

7 8. One member who represents an organization that advocates on
8 behalf of public school administrators, to be appointed by the
9 Superintendent of Public Instruction.

10 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made within thirty
11 (30) days after the effective date of this act. The Task Force
12 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than sixty (60)
13 days after the effective date of this act.

14 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
15 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, five
16 members shall constitute a quorum.

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

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

21 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
22 travel reimbursement.

23 H. Staff support shall be provided by the State Department of
24 Education.

1 I. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
2 recommendations by December 1, 2015, to the Governor, the President
3 Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives.

5 ~~SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.~~

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

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