

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 9, 2015

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1512

By: Kern and Enns of the House

and

6 Jolley and Pittman of the  
7 Senate

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

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

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

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

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

23 A. There is hereby created until December 1, 2015, the  
24 "Oklahoma Educational Interpreter for the Deaf Task Force". The

1 Task Force shall conduct a thorough review of the Oklahoma  
2 Educational Interpreter for the Deaf Act and make recommendations to  
3 the Legislature for any changes to the requirements for educational  
4 interpreters.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or  
19 travel reimbursement.

20 H. Staff support shall be provided by the State Department of  
21 Education.

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

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

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
9 April 9, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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