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## *Welcome to the OSRHE Legislative Update*

Whether you are receiving the Update for the first time or have been a subscriber for many years, please note the following changes in the formatting.

The Update always begins with highlights of the week. This section will include information on bills, reports, and news stories, which might be of interest to higher education. If available, the links to the bills will also be included.

The second section of the Update includes a schedule of upcoming Legislative deadlines. Once the Legislature has convened, this section will also include meeting notices for the various House and Senate committees which pertain to higher education.

The third section is a bill index which lists the bills of interest to higher education by topic.

The fourth and final section of the update are the bill summaries. This section contains the bill number, author(s), and a brief paragraph about the bill. Also included will be the link to the full text version of the bill.

We welcome you to another year of the OSRHE Legislative Update. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Lesa Borin – [lborin@osrhe.edu](mailto:lborin@osrhe.edu) or Carolyn McCoy – [cmccoy@osrhe.edu](mailto:cmccoy@osrhe.edu)

## *Highlights This Week:*

**Tuition Bill Introduced** – Representative Bill Nations, (D) Norman, is the Principal Author of HB1748, a bill dealing with higher education tuition and fees. The bill encompasses language for tuition increases at all state supported higher education institutions, not to exceed the average of like-type institutions. For example, the Big Twelve Athletic Conference would be used as a comparison for like-type institutions for both the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. The bill also includes language that specifies removal of statutory caps on certain

student fees. Full text of the bill may be viewed at: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1748\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1748_int.rtf)

Other bills of interest that were introduced yesterday by the Oklahoma House of Representatives which are not yet included in the Bill Summary section are as follows:

- HB 1380 (Rep. Jack Bonny, D-Burns Flat): Creating the Oklahoma Workforce Investment Act; establishing state and local workforce investment boards; reserving \$704,000 out of certain funds allocated to the state for use by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education to administer a statewide offender employment training program; bill text: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1380\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1380_int.rtf)
- HB 1551 (Rep. Mike Reynolds, R-OKC): amending the Open Records Act; requiring a response to a request within a certain time limit; bill text: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1551\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1551_int.rtf)
- HB 1678 (Rep. Debbie Blackburn, D-OKC): Oklahoma College Savings Plan, exempting interest in an Oklahoma College Savings Plan account from attachment, execution, or forced sale; bill text: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1678\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1678_int.rtf)
- HB 1711 (Rep. Barbara Staggs, D-Muskogee): pertains to several K-12 education issues, including the abolishment of the Office of Accountability; bill text: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1711\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1711_int.rtf)
- HB 1748 (Rep. Bill Nations, D-Norman): Modifying limits for resident and nonresident tuition and fees; bill text: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1748\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1748_int.rtf)
- HB 1760 (Rep. Jerry Hefner, D-Wagoner): Transferring the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to the State Board of Education; bill text: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1760\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1760_int.rtf)
- HB 1768 (Speaker Larry Adair, D-Stillwell): creating the Higher Education Accountability Act (a "shell" bill at this time); bill text: [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1768\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1768_int.rtf)

### **Education Board Questions Qualifications of Alternative Placement Applicants**

By Erin Israel, Staff Writer (GIT)

A list of candidates for alternative placement certification were evaluated by the Teacher Competency Review Panel, and 50 names were submitted to the State Board of Education Thursday.

Dr. Ramona Paul, assistant state superintendent, clarified to the board that applicants for alternative placement must have a degree in the area in which they wish to teach, and they must pass an exam that evaluates their command of the subject area and their teaching capabilities. The applicants that were brought before the Board were applying to teach various subjects, including social studies, art education, mathematics, vocal music, business education, science, family and consumer science, speech/drama/debate, journalism, agriculture, special education, English and school counselor. The most popular subjects in which to be certified are business education and social studies.

The Board was given the list of applicants, the subjects they had applied to teach, and their grade point averages. Upon seeing the list, Education Board member Michelle Stephens remarked, "I just can't believe how low some of these grade point averages are."

A 2.5 is an acceptable grade point average according to the guidelines of the Teacher Competency Review Panel. The list of names included those with an acceptable average and who had passed the certification test.

State Superintendent Sandy Garrett advised the concerned board members that these applicants had a degree and had passed the certification examination. She assured the Board that passing the certification test required an extensive body of knowledge, and that although these applicants may not have done well in school, they may make excellent teachers.

Despite the raised concerns, the list of applicants passed unanimously. Board members Dr. Debbie Blue and Luke Corbett did not attend the meeting.

The Board also voted to make a certification exception. The applicant, Gina Horton, lacks a competency examination in early childhood education. She is scheduled to take the exam in February, but due to district need, she was granted an exception to teach pre-kindergarten at Macomb Public Schools.

The number of alternative certification rose between the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years from 4,781 to 6,605. This school year the number of certifications to date is 3,346. This number does not include the 50 approved on Thursday.

#### **Upcoming Legislative Deadlines:**

January 28, Tuesday .....	Deadline for Introduction of Bills (Senate)
February 3, Monday.....	First Day of Legislative Session
.....	Governor's State of the State Address
February 20, Thursday.....	Bills from Committee of House of Origin
March 13, Thursday.....	Bills from Floor of House of Origin
April 3, Thursday.....	Bills from Committee of Opposite House
April 24, Thursday.....	Bills from Floor of Opposite House
May 1, Thursday.....	Deadline for Requesting Joint Conference Committee
May 30, Friday.....	Sine Die Adjournment

If you are unable to print copies of the bills in this report, please contact Carolyn McCoy at (405) 225-1965 or e-mail her at [cmccoy@osrhe.edu](mailto:cmccoy@osrhe.edu).

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### SENATE BILLS

**SB 1** (Fisher/Peters) – **SCHOOL READINESS**. "Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Act"; providing for support and assistance in achieving the reading goal for public schools that requires that, by May 1, 2007, at least 90 percent of third-grade students be reading at grade level; requiring the Department of Human Services to review the reading requirements for the Reaching for the Stars program, which requires that teachers read to children a minimum of 15 minutes per day to ensure compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; creating a 25-member Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board until July 1, 2009; requiring the board to submit an annual report; authorizing the board to organize a private, nonprofit corporation; creating a Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness, comprising five senators and five House members. (10 §§ 640/640.5) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB1_int.rtf)

**SB 4** (Lawler/McCarter) – **TEACHERS RETIREMENT**. Requiring the Teachers' Retirement System to authorize monthly deduction from benefits of dues in a retired teachers' organization. (70 §§ 17-122, 17-122.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB4\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB4_int.rtf)

**SB 6** (Williams) – **SCHOOL TESTING**. Deleting requirement for fourth-grade norm-referenced testing; requiring State Department of Education to develop criterion-referenced tests in reading and language arts and math for the third and fourth grades during 2003-2004, for sixth and seventh grades in 2004-2005, to be implemented during the immediately following school years. (70 § 1210.508) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB6\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB6_int.rtf)

**SB 11** (Crutchfield) – **SALARY BONUSES/SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS/SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS/AUDIOLOGISTS**. Requiring the State Board of Education, subject to availability of funds, to provide \$5,000 annual salary bonuses by Jan. 31 to eligible school psychologists, speech-language pathologists and audiologists; prohibiting school districts from being liable for payment of such bonuses. (70 § 6-206) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB11\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB11_int.rtf)

**SB 15** (Pruitt) – **SCHOLARSHIPS/STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**. Creating a Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program to provide a scholarship to a private school of choice for students with disabilities for whom an individual education program has been developed; specifying qualifications; allowing public school districts to satisfy their duty to provide special education and related services for children with disabilities, beginning with the 2004-05 school year, by providing a scholarship at the parent's request for a student to attend a private institution. (70 § 13-101) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB15\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB15_int.rtf)

**SB 28** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the Teacher Preparation Commission. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB28\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB28_int.rtf)

**SB 29** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Setting budgetary limits for the Teacher Preparation Commission. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB29\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB29_int.rtf)

**SB 48** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the University Hospitals Authority. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB48\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB48_int.rtf)

**SB 49** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Setting budgetary limits for the University Hospitals Authority. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB49\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB49_int.rtf)

**SB 70** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB70\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB70_int.rtf)

**SB 71** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Setting budgetary limits for the Teacher Preparation Commission. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB71\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB71_int.rtf)

**SB 76** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the Tourism and Recreation Department, including unspecified funds for the Summer Arts Institute and the Jazz Hall of Fame; authorizes the State Regents to establish an internship in tourism management. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB76\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB76_int.rtf)

**SB 77** (Morgan/Mitchell) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Establishing budgetary limitations for the Department of Tourism and Recreation, including unspecified funds budgeted for the Summer Arts Institute and the Jazz Hall of Fame. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB77\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SB77_int.rtf)

## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

**SJR 1** (Milacek) – **GASOLINE TAX**. Calling for a vote of the people at a special election to increase the gasoline tax from 16 cents per gallon, on a graduated basis, to 18 cents through fiscal year 2004, 20 cents during FY05 and 21 cents per gallon from FY06 through FY29; increasing the diesel fuel tax from 13 cents per gallon, on a graduated basis, to 15 cents per gallon through FY04, 17 cents during FY05, 19 cents during FY06 and 21 cents per gallon from FY07 through FY29; returning both taxes to current levels beginning July 1, 2029; modifying apportionment of gasoline tax revenues, with 20 percent to be divided among aeronautics, public transit and passenger rail, 20 percent for counties, cities and navigable waterways and 60 percent for state highway construction and maintenance; modifying apportionment of diesel tax revenues, with 25 percent to be used exclusively highways part of the interstate highways system, 75 percent to be deposited in the state highway construction and maintenance fund; requiring the governor to set a special election no earlier than June 1, 2003, and no later than Sept. 1, 2003; effective date 30 days after certification of election returns in favor of act. (68 §§ 500.4, 500.6, 500.7) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SJR1\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04SB/SJR1_int.rtf)

## **HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 1003** (Claunch) – **TAX EXEMPTION/RETIREMENT BENEFITS**. Exempting from taxable income all retirement benefits for resident retirees 65 or older. (68 § 2358) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1003\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1003_int.rtf)

**HB 1009** (Lindley) – **HEALTH INSURANCE/COGNITIVE REHABILITATION THERAPIES**. Requiring that group health insurance plans include coverage for cognitive rehabilitation therapies that have greater than 95 percent successful case study data and that are in the clinical research study phase of documentation; providing an exemption for policies that provide coverage for a specified disease or other limited benefit coverage and for groups with 50 or fewer employees. (36 § 6060.20) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1009\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1009_int.rtf)

**HB 1016** (Mitchell) – **PURCHASING/SOLE SOURCE**. This is a shell bill relating to sole source contracts and classified employees. (74 §§ 85.42, 840-1.3)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1016\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1016_int.rtf)

**HB 1018** (Leist) – **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**. Authorizing agencies to promulgate emergency rules provided certain conditions are met; prohibiting an emergency from being found to exist when the primary cause of the emergency is a delay or inaction caused by the agency involved and the emergency situation could have been averted by timely compliance with the permanent rule-making provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act. (75 § 253)  
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**HB 1020** (Kirby) – **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**. “Oklahoma English Language Act”; Making English the official language of the state. (25 §§ 401/403) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1020\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1020_int.rtf)

**HB 1022** (Lindley) – **NURSING PROGRAMS**. Directing the Board of Nursing Homes to require that all programs for nursing in the state detail and explain the scope of practice according to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and rules for each nursing classification level within the nursing program. (59 § 567.13) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1022\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1022_int.rtf)

**HB 1023** (Claunch) – **JURY DUTY/STUDENTS**. Providing an exemption from the requirement for jury duty for students enrolled in at least 12 hours for the current semester in an accredited higher education institution. (38 § 28) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1023\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1023_int.rtf)

**HB 1028** (Wright) – **NAMING RIGHTS/EDUCATIONAL FACILITY**. “Leave a Legacy Initiative Act”; requiring the granting of naming rights to a person, estate, private business or corporation that makes a donation for a capital asset to an educational facility, including a higher education institution, that receives 10 percent or more of its operating budget from the state; requiring the granting of such naming rights if the value of the donation is more than 51 percent of the depreciated value of the capital asset, based on the assumption of a 50-year life of the facility and the setting of the value of the facility based on current market value; designating that capital assets eligible for naming rights include the campus of an educational facility, a specific building on the campus, a wing of a building used by the educational facility and a room or auditorium in a building used by the facility; limiting the use of such donations to capital expenditures. (60 §§ 398, 399) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1028\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1028_int.rtf)

**HB 1030** (Piatt) – **VIDEOCONFERENCING**. Authorizing boards of education of technology centers to hold meetings by videoconference; prohibiting the holding of executive sessions by videoconference. (25 § 307.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1030\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1030_int.rtf)

**HB 1033** (Dank) – **TAX EXEMPTION/RETIREMENT BENEFITS**. Exempting from taxable income all retirement benefits for resident retirees 65 or older. (68 § 2358)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1033\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1033_int.rtf)

**HB 1036** (Worthen) – **RETIREMENT/EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**. Providing for suspension of employer contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma for fiscal years 2004 through 2005. (70 § 17-108.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1036\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1036_int.rtf)

**HB 1041** (Worthen) – **TEACHER PAY**. Requiring school teachers, beginning with the 2003-04 school year, to adopt differential pay for teachers and an incentive pay plan. (70 §§ 5-141, 5-141.2) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1041\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1041_int.rtf)

**HB 1044** (Leist) – **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION/CHILDREN FIRST FUND**. Increasing membership of the Commission on Children and Youth's interagency child abuse prevention task force from 16 members to 17, to include a representative from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center who has expertise in research and development of child abuse prevention programs; abolishing the Children First Fund and transferring monies to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund and requiring that at least 10 percent of monies available in the fund each year for apportionment be set aside for secondary prevention programs; repealing a section relating to the Children First Fund. (63 §§ 1-227.1, 1-227.4, 1-227.6, 1-227.8) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1044\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1044_int.rtf)

**HB 1046** (Piatt) – **TEACHER REEMPLOYMENT**. Delaying the deadlines for notification of reemployment of a teacher for the next fiscal year. (70 § 6-101) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1046\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1046_int.rtf)

**HB 1051** (Clay Pope) – **CARBON SEQUESTRATION ENHANCEMENT**. Expanding the scope of the Oklahoma Carbon Sequestration Enhancement Act; modifying report to include practices that capture and sequester carbon dioxide emissions associated with marginal oil and/or gas wells. The advisory committee includes a member representing Oklahoma State University. (27A §§ 3-4-101, 3-4-102, 3-4-103, 3-4-105) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1051\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1051_int.rtf)

**HB 1058** (Ellis) – **WHISTLEBLOWERS**. Prohibiting taking disciplinary action pursuant to the Whistleblower Act against an employee for discussing operations and functions of an agency with the print or electronic media. (74 § 840-2.5) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1058\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1058_int.rtf)

**HB 1059** (McCarter) – **AMERICAN EX-PRISONER OF WAR FLAG**. Modifying the prohibition against displaying flags over tax-supported property to permit the display of the American Ex-Prisoner of War flag. (21 § 375) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1059\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1059_int.rtf)

**HB 1065** (McCarter) – **TRANSFER STUDENTS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**. Requiring the State Board of Education, before Sept. 1, 2003, to adopt rules ensuring that students who transfer into an Oklahoma school district from out of state after the junior year of high school not be denied, due to differing graduation requirements, the opportunity to be awarded a standard diploma. (70 § 11-103.6f) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1065\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1065_int.rtf)

**HB 1068** (Ray Miller) – **CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD**. Modifying membership of the Board of Career and Technology Education; requiring that five members be from a business or industry where a majority of the workforce performs a task for which training or other educational services may be obtained from the career and technology education system and that one member represent the public, private and/or educational interests of the state; requiring that all appointments be made by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. (70 §§ 14-101, 14-102) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1068\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1068_int.rtf)

**HB 1094** (Peters) – **SCHOOL READINESS**. "Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Act"; creating a 33-member Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board, until July 1, 2009, to

promote school readiness supporting community-based efforts to increase the number of children who are ready to succeed by the time they enter school; including the Chancellor or designee on the board; requiring the board to submit an annual report; authorizing the establishment of a not-for-profit school readiness foundation to raise funds and to assist in implementation and achievement of goals of the act. (10 §§ 640/640.4) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1094\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1094_int.rtf)

**HB 1114 (Erwin) – PRODUCT VENDORS.** Requiring state agencies, beginning July 1, 2003, to allow product vendors that have an authorized payroll deduction for state employees reasonable access to such employees for providing information concerning their products; specifying conditions for such access. (74 § 842) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1114\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1114_int.rtf)

**HB 1115 (Nations) – PRIVATIZATION.** This is a shell bill creating the “Oklahoma Privatization Procedures Act of 2003”. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1115\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1115_int.rtf)

**HB 1116 (Nations) – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION.** Eliminating the requirement that testimony from a psychologist in workers’ compensation cases be accepted by the court only if the testimony is made under the direction of a medical doctor. (85 § 14)

**HB 1119 (Rice) – HEALTH INSURANCE/IN VITRO FERTILIZATION.** Requiring insurance plans to provide coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures to an insured or enrollee who has a history of unexplained infertility of at least five years and such person has been unable to obtain successful pregnancy through any less costly applicable infertility treatment for which coverage is available under the policy; allowing such coverage to include a lifetime maximum benefit of at least \$30,000 for in vitro fertilization. (36 § 6060.14)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1119\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1119_int.rtf)

**HB 1120 (Trebilcock) – ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.** “Oklahoma Zero-Based Budgeting Act of 2003”; requiring state agencies to present to the Senate and House appropriations committees a zero-based budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. (62 §§ 46.1/46.3)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1120\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1120_int.rtf)

**HB 1123 (Greenwood) – TRANSFER OF CREDITS.** Stating legislative intent that State System institutions, private institutions accredited by the State Regents and private schools licensed by the Board of Private Vocational Schools be prohibited from placing statements in documents or brochures given to students or advertising in publications that credits earned at the institution or school are fully accepted at another institution without having a written agreement with the other institution stating that the credits will be fully accepted. (70 § 3207.1)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1123\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1123_int.rtf)

**HB 1124 (Greenwood) – INCOME TAX EXEMPTION/RETIREMENT.** Providing an income tax exemption for retirement benefits received by a resident individual 65 years of age or older. (68 § 2358) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1124\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1124_int.rtf)

**HB 1130 (Graves) – CLONING PROHIBITION.** “Human Cloning Prohibition Act”; making it unlawful to perform or attempt to perform human cloning, to participate in such attempt or to ship or receive the product of human cloning for any purpose within the state. (63 § 2390)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1130\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1130_int.rtf)

**HB 1132 (Graves) – TEN COMMANDMENTS IN PUBLIC BUILDING.** Authorizing the posting of the 10 Commandments as stated in Chapter 20 of the Book of Exodus of the Old

Testament of the Bible in any public building of the state and political subdivisions. (25 § 200) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1132\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1132_int.rtf)

**HB 1136** (Greenwood) – **TEACHER CERTIFICATION/MIDDLE LEVEL**. Prohibiting school districts from employing teachers to teach English, science or social studies in grades seven or eight unless the teacher is licensed or certified to teach such subject at the middle or secondary level or has received a middle level endorsement; providing procedure for obtaining such certification or endorsement. (70 § 6-189.2) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1136\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1136_int.rtf)

**HB 1149** (Ray Miller) – **TWO-YEAR COLLEGES/USE OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT**. Authorizing the use of county equipment, labor and supplies on property owned by State System two-year colleges. (19 § 339) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1149\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1149_int.rtf)

**HB 1151** (Dale Smith) – **TEACHER COMPETENCIES**. Expanding required teacher competencies to include skills in effective classroom management and student discipline. (70 §§ 6-185, 6-194) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1151\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1151_int.rtf)

**HB 1152** (Pettigrew) – **HEALTH INSURANCE/CONSUMER CHOICE**. “Oklahoma Health Insurance Consumer Choice Act”; allowing accident and health insurance plans to offer benefit plans that do not provide state-mandated health benefits; requiring the insurance commissioner to issue reports to the legislature by June 31 and Dec. 31 that include the number of policies written in the state with the limited mandate option and the number of policies written with the full mandate option. (36 §§ 4530/4534, 6512) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1152\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1152_int.rtf)

**HB 1154** (O’Neal) – **RETIREMENT/PRIOR SERVICE**. Authorizing the purchase of prior service for members of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Oklahoma for teaching in accredited private schools. (70 § 17-104) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1154\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1154_int.rtf)

**HB 1161** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1161\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1161_int.rtf)

**HB 1162** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the State Regents. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1162\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1162_int.rtf)

**HB 1165** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the Physician Manpower Training Commission. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1165\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1165_int.rtf)

**HB 1168** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST). [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1168\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1168_int.rtf)

**HB 1169** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the Teacher Preparation Commission. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1169\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1169_int.rtf)

**HB 1192** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating to the University Hospitals Authority. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1192\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1192_int.rtf)

**HB 1242** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating from the Rainy Day Fund. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1242\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1242_int.rtf)

**HB 1243** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Appropriating from the Rainy Day Fund. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1243\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1243_int.rtf)

**HB 1256** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Making general appropriations to state agencies. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1256\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1256_int.rtf)

**HB 1257** (Mitchell/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS**. Making general appropriations to state agencies. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1257\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1257_int.rtf)

**HB 1264** (Nance) – **INCOME TAX EXEMPTION/RETIREMENT**. Providing an income tax exemption for retirement benefits received by a resident individual 65 years of age or older. (68 § 2358) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1264\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1264_int.rtf)

**HB 1278** (Kirby) – **LOTTERY FOR EDUCATION**. Ordering a vote of the people to enact an "Oklahoma Lottery for Education Act"; creating an Oklahoma Lottery for Education Corp.; providing for appointment of a 10-member Lottery Retailer Advisory Board; requiring that at least 45 percent of monies from the actual sale of lottery tickets or shares be made available as prize money; requiring that net proceeds equal at least 35 percent and be used for education and other children's program. (3A §§ 701/734; 21 § 1051; 62 § 7.2) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1278\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1278_int.rtf)

**HB 1279** (Hutchison) – **PURCHASING FROM PRISON INDUSTRIES**. Expanding entities included in the requirement to purchase prison industries goods and services to include counties, schools, colleges, universities and political subdivisions. (57 § 549.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1279\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1279_int.rtf)

**HB 1283** (Lindley) – **HEALTH INSURANCE/SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT**. Requiring health benefit plans to provide benefits for substance abuse treatment. (36 §§ 6060.10/6060.13) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1283\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1283_int.rtf)

**HB 1288** (Easley) – **GOVERNORS CUP BASKETBALL**. Requiring the Boards of Regents for the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges to take necessary steps to schedule two annual men's basketball games, one between the University of Tulsa and the University of Oklahoma and the other between the University of Tulsa and Oklahoma State University; providing for creation and awarding of a Governors Cup traveling trophy; directing the State Regents for Higher Education to establish a scoring system. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1288\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1288_int.rtf)

**HB 1293** (McCarter) – **SCHOOL READINESS**. "Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Act"; creating a 25-member Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board, to provide for funding through appropriated or other monies for supporting community initiatives to develop and improve early childhood care and education; creating a Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness until Dec. 31, 2005, to monitor implementation of the act. (10 §§ 640/640.5) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1293\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1293_int.rtf)

**HB 1294** (McCarter) – **TEACHER REDUCTION-IN-FORCE**. Providing that, if a recommendation not to reemploy a teacher for the ensuing fiscal year is based on a reduction-in-force and not base upon cause for a probationary teacher or statutory grounds for a career teacher, the timelines for conducting a hearing before the board of education must not begin until June 10 or after. (70 § 6-101) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1294\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1294_int.rtf)

**HB 1297 (Turner) – CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD.** Requiring that members of the State Board of Career and Technology Education have personal experience with the career-technology education system either as a former employee or as a former student, or be employed by a business or industry where a significant number of the workforce has been trained in the career-technology education system or for whom training or other educational services may be obtained from the system; requiring that board members have a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency. (70 § 14-101) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1297\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1297_int.rtf)

**HB 1298 (Turner) – EDUCATION PLAN FOR SUSPENDED STUDENTS.** Modifying restrictions under which a school district may provide education plans for certain suspended students; allowing students suspended out of school for 10 days or less to be given zeroes in grades when deemed appropriate by the teacher, regardless of whether a student is provided an education plan; requiring that a disruptive student be removed from a teacher's class at the request of that teacher, and allowing out-of-school suspension of such student; providing for inclusion in the average daily membership of the district, for State Aid purposes, of students suspended out of school for whom the district is providing an education plan. (70 §§ 24-101.3, 18-107) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1298\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1298_int.rtf)

**HB 1303 (Sullivan) –STUDENT INFORMATION.** Clarifying language relating to disclosure of information by a teacher concerning a student. (70 § 6-115) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1303\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1303_int.rtf)

**HB 1306 (Cargill) – INCOME TAX EXEMPTION/PERSON WITH DEGREE.** Providing an income tax exemption for four years following graduation for persons receiving an undergraduate degree from a four-year public college or university. (68 § 2358) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1306\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1306_int.rtf)

**HB 1309 (Benge) – RETIREMENT/PRIOR SERVICE.** Modifying the method of computing benefits for members of the Teachers' Retirement System. (70 § 17-116.2) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1309\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1309_int.rtf)

**HB 1310 (Mitchell) – FURLOUGH RELIEF FUND.** Creating a furlough relief fund, to be expended by state agencies for eliminating or ameliorating furloughs or involuntary leave of state employees; providing for transfer to the fund of monies equal to the amount of fiscal year 2004 appropriations that failed to become law either because of a gubernatorial veto or failure of the governor to approve transfer from the appropriate fund to the new fund. (62 § 140) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1310\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1310_int.rtf)

**HB 1312 (Paulk) – DENTAL HYGIENISTS.** Modifying the list of practices considered unlawful and grounds for revocation, suspension and other administrative penalties pursuant to the State Dental Act; authorizing certified dental hygienists to provide services if such person has completed at least two academic years of dental hygiene curriculum from an institution of higher education which has been accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; specifying the scope of services authorized to be performed by licensed dental hygienists. (59 §§ 328.29, 328.33, 328.34) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1312\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1312_int.rtf)

**HB 1329 (Perry) – ONLINE BIDDING.** "Oklahoma Online Bidding Act"; authorizing state agency purchasing agents, in certain circumstances, to use online bidding to obtain bids authorized by the Central Purchasing Act or the Public Building Construction and Planning Act for the

purchase of goods, services, construction or information services. (61 § 209; 74 §§ 85.5, 85.45o/85.45s) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1329\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1329_int.rtf)

**HB 1337 (Adkins) – TULSA HIGHER EDUCATION.** Requiring the State Regents for Higher Education, by July 1, 2004, to have implemented policies that will enable all State System institutions to have facilities located in Tulsa County to develop and offer any degree program, even if it is duplicative of a program offered by another institution, and that can be shown to be successful and cost effective in the Tulsa area and is determined to be appropriated by the state regents; directing the State Regents to develop a plan for relocation of the Tulsa Community College Metro campus to the campus of Oklahoma State University/Tulsa and to report to the legislature by Jan. 1, 2004; directing the Regents, by Jan. 1, 2005, to implement a plan to relocate Langston University in Tulsa to a location independent of the OSU/Tulsa campus; requiring establishment of University of Oklahoma/Tulsa as a branch institution of the University of Oklahoma that offers upper division undergraduate courses and baccalaureate degree programs; repealing a section relating to restrictions on duplication of courses offered by Tulsa Community College. (70 §§ 4661, 4663, 4666/4668, 4665.1, 4675; Repealing 70 § 4665) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1337\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1337_int.rtf)

**HB 1340 (Deutschendorf/Leftwich) – TRANSFER STUDENTS.** Requiring the State Board of Education, prior to Sept. 1, 2003, to adopt rules to ensure that students who transfer into an Oklahoma school district from out of state after completion of the sophomore year of high school not be denied, due to differing graduation requirements, the opportunity to be awarded a standard diploma; directing that such rules allow district boards of education to accept courses completed outside of Oklahoma in English, mathematics, science and social studies as credit for the required core curriculum units. (70 § 11-103.6f) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1340\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1340_int.rtf)

**HB 1341 (Deutschendorf) – ENDOWED CHAIRS.** Authorizing the State Regents for Higher Education to issue \$50 million in revenue bonds for funding endowed chairs, professorships and lectureships; requiring that at least 50 percent of the endowed chair, professorship or lectureship positions funded be for positions that involve research and development; stating legislative intent to appropriate sufficient funds to make payments toward retiring such obligations. (70 § 4019) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1341\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1341_int.rtf)

**HB 1342 (Deutschendorf) – ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY.** Creating a 20-member Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Task Force until July 1, 2004, to study and prepare recommendations concerning the accessibility for the disabled to publicly produced and provided electronic and information technology. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1342\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1342_int.rtf)

**HB 1343 (Deutschendorf) – INTERNET-BASED COURSES.** Authorizing district boards of education policies and procedures for Internet-based courses to include criteria for establishing fees or charges; prohibiting students from being enrolled in an Internet-based course without prior approval of the board of education. (70 § 1-111) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1343\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1343_int.rtf)

**HB 1347 (Wilson) – ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.** "Oklahoma Zero-Based Budgeting Act of 2003"; requiring state agencies to present to the Senate and House appropriations committees a zero-based budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. (62 §§ 46.1/46.3) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1347\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1347_int.rtf)

**HB 1352 (Coleman) – PUBLIC BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.** Requiring the director of the Department of Central Services to require state agencies subject to the Public Building Construction and Planning Act to contract with a qualified roof inspector whenever a roof is installed on a state building or a state building is re-roofed; specifying minimum qualifications. (61 § 209.1)

**HB 1361 (Ingmire) – COURSES EXEMPT FROM TUITION.** Clarifying language relating to certain courses exempt from tuition. (70 § 3218.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1361\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1361_int.rtf)

**HB 1362 (Ingmire) – RETIREMENT/ALTERNATE PLAN.** "Alternate Retirement Plan for Eligible Employees of Participating State Institutions of Higher Education Act"; authorizing boards of regents of participating institutions, by June 30, 2004, to establish an alternate retirement plan, for the entities under the jurisdiction of such regents, for eligible employees and electing employees in lieu of membership in the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; specifying requirements for such plans. (70 §§ 17-103, 17-201/17-209) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1362\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1362_int.rtf)

**HB 1369 (Ingmire) – RETIREMENT/OUT-OF-STATE CREDIT.** Increasing the number of years of teaching serviced rendered out of state for which a member may receive credit under the Teacher's Retirement System of Oklahoma from 5 years to 15 years. (70 § 17-116.2) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1369\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1369_int.rtf)

**HB 1370 (Staggs) – CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION BOARD.** Modifying membership of the Board of Career and Technology Education; setting educational and professional requirements for board members; prohibiting members from serving more than 60 days without confirmation from the legislature. (70 §§ 14-101, 14-102; 74 § 2.2) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1370\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1370_int.rtf)

**HB 1377 (Wright) – RETIREMENT/TRANSFER OF ASSETS.** Authorizing the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma to transfer its assets, not exceeding \$1,200,000,000, to the Oklahoma Transportation Authority in order to defease all debt obligations of the Authority; authorizing the Authority to then pay all tolls and other charges under the Authority's jurisdiction to the Teachers' Retirement System. (62 §§ 5001, 5002, 5003; 69 §§ 1709, 1711) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1377\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1377_int.rtf)

**HB 1382 (Ferguson) – STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS/SCHOOLS.** Authorizing the State Board of Education to grant emergency exemptions from any educational-related statutory requirement for one year to individual schools or school districts due to a financial crisis; prohibiting emergency exemption from any federal educational-related requirements. (70 § 3-129) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1382\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1382_int.rtf)

**HB 1388 (Blackwell) – TEACHER REEMPLOYMENT.** Requiring a board of education to either enter into a written contract with a teacher or notify the teacher in writing that a recommendation has been made not to reemploy the teacher within 10 days after the effective date of the education appropriation bill; requiring teachers to notify the board of education of their desire not to be reemployed within 25 days after the effective date of the education appropriation bill; providing that lack of notification by either the district or the teacher will result in the teacher being considered as employed on a continuing contract basis. (70 § 6-101) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1388\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1388_int.rtf)

**HB 1389** (Blackwell) – **TUITION INCREASE**. Increasing the maximum amount by which the State Regents for Higher Education is authorized to increase resident tuition from 7 percent to 12 percent and nonresident tuition from 9 percent to 12 percent. (70 § 3218.8)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1389\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1389_int.rtf)

**HB 1396** (Braddock) – **MILITARY BASE CLOSURE**. Creating the Oklahoma Strategic Military Planning Commission; creating Office of Defense Affairs within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; directing the department to conduct an impact study of the economic effects of military bases and installations within the state to include an analysis of the probable effect of the closure of any one of the military bases or installation within the state; requiring the department to contract with a qualified consultant;. (74 §§ 5401, 5402, 5403, 5404, 5405)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1396\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1396_int.rtf)

**HB 1397** (Braddock) – **MILITARY BASE CLOSURE**. Creating the Oklahoma Military Base Realignment and Closure Prevention Funding Act. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1397\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1397_int.rtf)

**HB 1399** (Braddock/Morgan) – **APPROPRIATIONS/MILITARY BASE CLOSURE**. Appropriating to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education the sum of \$2,750,000 pursuant to recommendations of the Oklahoma Military Base Closure Prevention Task Force; providing that not more than 12 percent of such monies be used for administrative expense.  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1399\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1399_int.rtf)

**HB 1402** (Hopper Smith) – **TAX CREDIT/TEACHING MATERIALS**. Creating a tax credit for any taxpayer who holds a valid certificate issued or recognized by the State Board of Education and who is employed as a public or private school teacher equal to any monies expended by the individual for materials, equipment or supplies used in a classroom or directly related to education of students; limiting such credit to a maximum of \$500 for any tax year; prohibiting the amount of the credit from exceeding the amount of tax liability for the taxpayer; allowing for credits to be carried over for four years. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1402\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1402_int.rtf)

**HB 1409** (Case) – **SCHOOL TESTING/ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**. Limiting requirement of conducting a needs assessment for grades six through twelve to only schools offering an alternative education program; deleting obsolete language regarding requirements for which deadline has expired. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1409\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1409_int.rtf)

**HB 1413** (Vaughn) – **SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES**. Modifying the prohibition against smoking in public places. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1413\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1413_int.rtf)

**HB 1414** (Staggs) – **SCHOOL TESTING**. Modifying language relating to the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1414\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1414_int.rtf)

**HB 1437** (Brannon) – **RETIREMENT/HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT BENEFIT**. Modifying language relating to changing maximum health insurance premium payment benefit amount payable by the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma. (74 § 1316.3)  
[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1437\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1437_int.rtf)

**HB 1438** (Brannon) – **LICENSURE CERTIFICATION**. Modifying language relating to licensure certification system in schools. (70 § 6-189) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1438\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1438_int.rtf)

**HB 1440** (Brannon) – **RETIREMENT/DEFERRED OPTION PLAN**. Authorizing a deferred retirement option plan for the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma. (70 § 17-122) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1440\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1440_int.rtf)

**HB 1444** (Stanley) – **DENTAL HYGIENISTS**. Authorizing the practice of dental hygiene in treatment facilities. (59 § 328.3) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1444\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1444_int.rtf)

**HB 1445** (Stanley) – **DENTAL HYGIENISTS**. Authorizing the practice of dental hygiene in a treatment facility. (59 § 328.3) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1445\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1445_int.rtf)

**HB 1452** (Mitchell) – **GOVERNMENTAL TORT CLAIMS**. Clarifying language relating to the Governmental Tort Claims Act. (51 § 152) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1452\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1452_int.rtf)

**HB 1454** (Blackburn) – **TEACHER CERTIFICATION**. Modifying language relating to teacher licensure and certification of persons holding an out-of-date certificate. (70 § 6-190) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1454\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1454_int.rtf)

**HB 1465** (Askins) – **ATHLETE AGENTS**. Providing service agent for service of process on nonresident agents. (70 § 821.81) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1465\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1465_int.rtf)

**HB 1476** (Greenwood) – **SCHOOL TESTING**. Modifying language relating to student performance levels in the Oklahoma School Testing Program Act. (70 § 1210.541) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1476\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1476_int.rtf)

**HB 1488** (Coleman) – **TEACHER CONTRACTS/PAY**. Modifying language relating to teacher contracts and the minimum salary schedule. (70 § 6-101.3) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1488\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1488_int.rtf)

**HB 1500** (Sweeden) – **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**. Modifying language relating to administrative procedures; emergency administrative rules. (75 § 253) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1500\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1500_int.rtf)

**HB 1512** (Paulk) – **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**. Modifying language relating to school districts and institutions of higher learning to develop an emergency preparedness plan. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1512\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1512_int.rtf)

**HB 1518** (Nance) – **RETIREMENT/EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION**. Modifying language relating to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; employer contribution rates. (70 § 17-108.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1518\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1518_int.rtf)

**HB 1519** (Blackburn) – **PERSONNEL**. Requiring certain monies of a state agency to be used for personnel purposes. (62 § 7.6A) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1519\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1519_int.rtf)

**HB 1550** (Ferguson) – **ZERO-BASED BUDGETING**. "Oklahoma Zero-Based Budgeting Act of 2003. (62 § 46.1) [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1550\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1550_int.rtf)

**HB 1553** (McIntyre) – **SHARED LEAVE**. "State Employees Retention Act"; creating a State Employees Shared Leave Pool. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1553\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1553_int.rtf)

**HB 1559** (Calvey) – **UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT STUDENTS**. Stating legislative intent to allow enrollment of certain students regardless of the nationality status of the parents.

[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1559\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1559_int.rtf)

**HB 1560** (Calvey) – **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**. Modifying language relating to the Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1560\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1560_int.rtf)

**HB 1571** (Dorman) – **HEALTH INSURANCE RATES**. Modifying language relating to certain rates in regard to the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board.

[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1571\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1571_int.rtf)

**HB 1607** (Roggow) – **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**. Providing for certain exception to requirement for Oklahoma History in regard to high school graduation standards.

[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1607\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HB1607_int.rtf)

#### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

**HJR 1001** (Ellis) – **ETHICS/E-MAIL**. Amending Rule 257:10-1-3 of the Rules of the Ethics Commission, 74 O.S. 2001, Chapter 62, App., to prohibit the distribution or posting on a computer ordinarily used for the conduct of state government, political subdivision or public school business a communication designed to influence the outcome of an election for state office or a ballot measure or to solicit funds in support of or opposition to a candidate or a ballot measure.

[http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HJR1001\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HJR1001_int.rtf)

**HJR 1011** (Vaughn) – **SMOKING IN INDOOR WORKPLACES**. Prohibiting smoking in indoor workplaces. [http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HJR1011\\_int.rtf](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/2003-04HB/HJR1011_int.rtf)

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