

# Oklahoma State Senate

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## ***Bill to Create Task Force on Internet-Based Instruction Heads to House***

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – The number of Oklahoma students getting their education through the internet is growing, and Sen. Gary Stanislawski wants to ensure the education those students are receiving is the same quality as what can be obtained in the classroom. Therefore, he has authored Senate Bill 604 creating a task force to study the efficiency of Internet-based instruction in Oklahoma.

"Internet-based instruction is a great alternative for many students that provides them with the opportunity to continue or finish their schooling from home when being in the classroom isn't an option," said Stanislawski, R-Tulsa. "Because of its tremendous popularity, we want to make sure that this type of instruction is just as beneficial and effective as traditional schooling as well as ensure accountability on the part of the students that they are doing the work that's required."

The task force, consisting of seven members, would review internet-based instruction programs offered throughout the state and make recommendations for any statutory or regulatory changes necessary to improve the accountability and effectiveness of Internet-based instruction. The findings would have to be submitted by November 10, 2009.

SB 604, which was requested by the United Suburban Schools Association, passed the Senate unanimously Tuesday and will next be heard in the House.

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