

SB 455

Senate Bill No. 455  
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 455 - By: SMITH of the Senate and ASKINS of the House.

[ Oklahoma Criminal Justice System Task Force Committee - membership - emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 254, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 24, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 1997 (57 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 508.2a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 508.2a A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System Task Force Committee which shall serve as an advisory board to the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center.

B. The Committee shall be composed of the following members, except as otherwise provided by this section:

1. Two senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

2. Two representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. The Director of the Department of Corrections or a designee;

4. The Secretary of State or a designee;

- 1           5. The Executive Director of the Pardon and Parole Board or a  
2 designee;
- 3           6. The Commissioner of Public Safety or a designee;
- 4           7. The Executive Director of the District Attorneys Council or  
5 a designee;
- 6           8. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and  
7 Youth or a designee;
- 8           9. The Attorney General or a designee;
- 9           10. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and  
10 Substance Abuse Services or a designee;
- 11          11. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or  
12 a designee;
- 13          12. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
14 or a designee;
- 15          13. A judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma  
16 Supreme Court or a designee; ~~and~~
- 17          14. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense  
18 System or a designee; and
- 19          15. Five members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:  
20           a. a chief of police or a designee,  
21           b. a sheriff or a designee,  
22           c. a person representing the business community,

1           d.    a person representing a private nonprofit community  
2                    service organization, and

3           e.    a person who is a victim's rights advocate.

4           C.   Each Committee member shall be required to attend the  
5 meetings of the Committee. Failure to attend at least two quarterly  
6 meetings each year shall automatically result in the removal of the  
7 member from the Committee if the member is not an ex officio member.  
8 If the member failing to attend the required number of meetings is a  
9 designee, the individual making the designation shall select a new  
10 designee.

11          D.   The Committee shall be chaired by one of the appointed  
12 members from the Senate, selected by the President Pro Tempore of  
13 the Senate, in the odd-numbered years and one of the appointed  
14 members of the House of Representatives, selected by the Speaker of  
15 the House of Representatives, in the even-numbered years. A  
16 majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of  
17 transacting business. Committee members shall not be compensated  
18 but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary travel expenses  
19 as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, for members who  
20 are not members of the Legislature, and as provided in Section 456  
21 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for legislative members.

22          E.   The duties of the Committee shall be to:

23           1.   Review and discuss issues pertaining to criminal justice;

1           2. Make recommendations of issues relating to criminal justice  
2 to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House  
3 of Representatives, and the Governor; and

4           3. Establish policy for the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource  
5 Center.

6           F. The Committee is hereby authorized to enlist the aid of any  
7 agency of state government for assistance or for information to  
8 enable the Committee to perform the duties charged in this section.

9           G. The Committee shall make a written report each year to the  
10 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives, the Governor, and the Commissioner of Public Safety  
12 on any findings or recommendations concerning needed legislation,  
13 the potential impact, including fiscal estimates, of existing or  
14 proposed legislation, and the impact of agency policies which affect  
15 the criminal justice system.

16           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-21-01 - DO  
21 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.