

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 455

By: Smith

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System Task Force Committee; amending 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), which relates to membership of the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System Task Force Committee; adding certain member; and declaring an 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;
5. The Executive Director of the Pardon and Parole Board or a designee;
6. The Commissioner of Public Safety or a designee;
7. The Executive Director of the District Attorneys Council or a designee;

8. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth or a designee;

9. The Attorney General or a designee;

10. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or a designee;

11. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or a designee;

12. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation or a designee;

13. A judge appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court or a designee; ~~and~~

14. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System or a designee; and

15. Five members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- a. a chief of police or a designee,
- b. a sheriff or a designee,
- c. a person representing the business community,
- d. a person representing a private nonprofit community service organization, and
- e. a person who is a victim's rights advocate.

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

D. The Committee shall be chaired by one of the appointed members from the Senate, selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in the odd-numbered years and one of the appointed members of the House of Representatives, selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in the even-numbered years. A

majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business. Committee members shall not be compensated but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary travel expenses as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, for members who are not members of the Legislature, and as provided in Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for legislative members.

E. The duties of the Committee shall be to:

1. Review and discuss issues pertaining to criminal justice;
2. Make recommendations of issues relating to criminal justice to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor; and
3. Establish policy for the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center.

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

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

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