

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 707

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to violence in the media; creating the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Protection of Children from Violence in the Media; providing for membership, officers, meetings, travel reimbursement and staff support; setting forth duties; providing for termination; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. There is hereby created the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Protection of Children from Violence in the Media.

B. The task force shall consist of eighteen (18) members to be appointed by July 1, 2001, as follows:

1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint six members as follows:

- a. a member representing the media industry,
- b. a member representing the retail industry,
- c. a member representing the entertainment industry,
- d. a member representing government,
- e. a member representing the public interest, and
- f. a member representing child psychologists;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six members as follows:

- a. a member representing the media industry,
- b. a member representing the retail industry,

- c. a member representing the entertainment industry,
- d. a member representing government,
- e. a member representing the public interest, and
- f. a member representing child psychologists; and

3. The Governor shall appoint six members as follows:

- a. a member representing the media industry,
- b. a member representing the retail industry,
- c. a member representing the entertainment industry,
- d. a member representing government,
- e. a member representing the public interest, and
- f. a member representing child psychologists.

C. The task force shall elect from among its members a chair and vice chair.

D. The task force shall hold an initial meeting not later than September 1, 2001 and, thereafter, shall meet at such times and places as it deems necessary to perform its duties as specified in this section. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. A majority of the members serving on the task force shall constitute a quorum.

E. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. The Oklahoma State Senate and the House of Representatives shall provide such staff support as is required by the task force.

G. It shall be the duty of the task force to examine violence in the media industry and ascertain ways to protect children from violence in the media.

H. The task force shall develop recommendations relating to the protection of children from violence in the media and make recommendations for any resulting legislation. The task force shall be terminated as of January 1, 2002.

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.

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