

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 81

By: Monson of the Senate

and

Lindley of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention; stating purpose; establishing membership; providing for officers, duties, and support services; providing for a report; providing for reimbursement; placing the Council under the Open Meeting Act and Administrative Procedures Act; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Enrolled House Concurrent Resolution No. 1021 of the 1st Session of the 44th Legislature created the Violence and Public Health Committee, which recommended the establishment of the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled House Concurrent Resolution No. 1111 of the 2nd Session of the 44th Oklahoma Legislature created the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled House Concurrent Resolution No. 1002 of the 1st Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature re-created the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention until January 1, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 16 of the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature re-created the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention until January 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, violence and abusive behavior continues to be a compelling and pervasive public health problem in the State of Oklahoma and it is imperative that the Council continue its mission of combating violence in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT effective January 2, 2003, the Oklahoma State Legislature creates the Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention, to continue until January 1, 2004.

THAT the Council set priorities for all state agencies in combating violence according to those set forth in the report of the Oklahoma Committee on Violence and Public Health. The Council may revisit and revise the report's findings and recommendations in order to remain abreast of current trends and developments in the area of violence prevention.

THAT the Council be composed of cabinet secretaries and state department and agency heads, or their designees, responsible for health, human services, mental health and substance abuse, juvenile services, education, corrections, and public safety; the Chancellor of Higher Education; a representative from each of the following: the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, the Oklahoma Public Health Association, the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the Oklahoma Social Work Educators, the Oklahoma Nurses Association, the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, and the Oklahoma Municipal League; and representation from other appropriate private and public sector groups. The Council shall provide for adequate representation of women and minority groups including, though not limited to: African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans.

THAT the Council shall elect a chair from among its members and shall establish written administrative and procedural guidelines for the operation of the Council. The Council shall function with the administrative support of the Criminal Justice Resource Center.

THAT the Council issue a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the reduction of violence in the state to

the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, not later than prior to the beginning of the 2004 Legislative Session.

THAT members of the Council shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by their respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT the Council shall be subject to the provisions of both the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Administrative Procedures Act.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center for distribution to the State Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Director of Human Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of the Department of Corrections, the Chancellor of Higher Education, the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education; and the directors of the following associations: the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, the Oklahoma Public Health Association, the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the Oklahoma Social Work Educators, the Oklahoma Nurses Association, the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce, and the Oklahoma Municipal League.

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