

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 49th Legislature (2003)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 32

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Task Force on the Master Settlement Agreement; creating Task Force; stating purpose; requiring recommendations, providing for membership, meetings, officers, staffing and travel reimbursement; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Master Settlement Agreement was established to assist in the problems caused by tobacco companies in the past and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General currently oversees the Master Settlement Agreement on behalf of all Oklahomans; and

WHEREAS, changes to the Master Settlement Agreement could harm Oklahoma's share of funds coming from the Master Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has proposed changes be made to the Master Settlement Agreement, and

WHEREAS, these changes will have a detrimental effect on Oklahoma companies that deal with the production and distribution of tobacco products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT there is hereby created until December 12, 2003, the Task Force on the Master Settlement Agreement. The purpose of the Task Force is to study issues raised by the Attorney General regarding the Master Settlement Agreement, including how adopting certain

provisions will affect the settlement and those Oklahoma industries involved with the production and distribution of tobacco products.

THAT the Task Force shall make recommendations to the Legislature by December 12, 2003, regarding any statutory changes which might be necessary to protect consumers and provide regulatory certainty to the industry.

THAT the Task Force shall consist of the following members:

1. The Oklahoma Attorney General;
2. Four members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, as follows:

- a. two members of the Oklahoma State Senate, one of whom shall be designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve as chair of the Task Force, and
- b. two members representing the Oklahoma tobacco industry (production or distribution); and

3. Four members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, as follows:

- a. two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the House to serve as co-chair of the Task Force, and
- b. two members representing the Oklahoma tobacco industry (production or distribution).

THAT the first meeting of the Task Force shall take place no later than October 6, 2003. The Task Force shall meet at such times and places as deemed necessary to perform its duties as specified in this resolution. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma State Senate, Oklahoma House of Representatives, and by the office of the Oklahoma Attorney General.

THAT the members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, from the legislative body in which they serve;

2. Agency members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by the employing agency in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Other members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Attorney General.

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