

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1919

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An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; creating the Oklahoma Reintegration of Inmates Task Force and the Separation of Probation and Parole Services Task Force; providing for membership; providing for appointment of chair and vice-chair; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for administrative support; providing for duties; requiring certain report to Governor and Legislature; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 509.7 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2007, the "Oklahoma Reintegration of Inmates Task Force".

B. The Oklahoma Reintegration of Inmates Task Force shall be composed of twelve (12) members as follows:

1. The Governor or a designee;
2. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
3. Two members of the State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;
4. The Attorney General or a designee;
5. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council, or a designee;
6. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or a designee;

7. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or a designee;

8. The Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, or a designee;

9. One prison ministry volunteer; and

10. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, or a designee.

C. The chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives on or before July 1, 2006. The vice-chair shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or before August 1, 2006. The members of the Task Force shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary. Task Force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. 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. Remaining Task Force members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force, shall be provided by the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center to be supplemented, if necessary, by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate. All participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative support requested by the Task Force.

E. The Task Force shall conduct a study and make recommendations concerning the selection of an existing state facility that shall be used solely for the purpose of providing reintegration skills to inmates who will be transitioning from incarceration with the Department of Corrections to the community. The Task Force shall also study and make recommendations concerning the projected operational costs for such a facility and costs associated with the creation and implementation of programs designed to assist inmates with reintegration into society.

F. The Task Force shall make a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the appropriate committee of the State Senate and the House of Representatives by February 1, 2007. The report shall be prepared by the administrative staff of the affected agencies.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 515.1 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2007, the "Separation of Probation and Parole Services Task Force".

B. The Separation of Probation and Parole Services Task Force shall be composed of twelve (12) members as follows:

1. The Governor or a designee;
2. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
3. Two members of the State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;
4. The Attorney General or a designee;
5. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council, or a designee;
6. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or a designee;

7. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, or a designee;

8. A Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, or a designee; and

9. Two members selected by a statewide organization representing law enforcement officers.

C. The chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives on or before July 1, 2006. The vice-chair shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or before August 1, 2006. The members of the Task Force shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary. Task Force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. 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. Remaining Task Force members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force, shall be provided by the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center to be supplemented, if necessary, by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate. All participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative support requested by the Task Force.

E. The Task Force shall conduct a study and make recommendations concerning the separation of all probation and

parole personnel from the Department of Corrections. The Task Force shall also study and make recommendations concerning the projected costs, if any, associated with transferring all powers, duties and responsibilities of probation and parole personnel from the Department of Corrections and the appropriate placement of probation and parole services including, but not limited to, placement within the Department of Public Safety, the Office of the Attorney General, the District Attorneys Council or the Administrative Office of the Courts.

F. The Task Force shall make a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the appropriate committee of the State Senate and the House of Representatives by February 1, 2007. The report shall be prepared by the administrative staff of the affected agencies.

SECTION 3. 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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