ENROLLED HOUSE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1010

By: Tibbs, Dank and Lindley of the House

and

Riley of the Senate

A Joint Resolution establishing the Oklahoma Task Force to Stop Sexual Violence; 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 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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 until February 1, 2007, the "Oklahoma Task Force to Stop Sexual Violence".

B. The Oklahoma Task Force to Stop Sexual Violence shall be composed of twenty (20) members as follows:

1. The Governor, or a designee;

2. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

3. One member 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 Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, or a designee;

7. The Director of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association, or a designee;

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

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

10. A district judge appointed by the Chair of the State Judicial Conference;

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

12. The Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or a designee;

13. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, or a designee;

14. The president of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, or a designee;

15. Two members of a statewide coalition on domestic violence and sexual assault;

16. Two sexual assault victims, appointed by the statewide coalition on domestic violence and sexual assault; and

17. Two members from the religious community.

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 study and make recommendations concerning the funding of services throughout the State of Oklahoma for victims of sexual violence. The Task Force shall also study and make recommendations for the development of community awareness and prevention education programs and the improvement of sexual violence investigation techniques through increased communication between local law enforcement agencies and sexual violence organizations.

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. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate