

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 125

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A Resolution creating the Task Force on Oklahoma
Illegal Immigration Issues; stating purpose;
designating members; providing for meetings;
requiring compliance with Open Meeting Act and Open
Records Act; requiring a report by a certain date;
and providing for compensation of members.

WHEREAS, Oklahomans have a rich history and tradition of
welcoming all persons to settle within the boundaries of our great
state who are willing to become productive members of our society,
respect the rights of others, pay their fair share of taxes and
comply with all laws; and

WHEREAS, each year thousands of undocumented aliens enter this
state and nation illegally despite the efforts of the federal
government and border control agencies to interdict the flow of
illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, the presence of significant numbers of low-paid
individuals with few resources of their own that are undocumented or
are illegally residing in the State of Oklahoma creates a
considerable burden on the resources of state, county and local
human service, law enforcement, correctional and homeland security
agencies, educational institutions as well as a noteworthy impact on
the state's large and small businesses, industries and labor force;
and

WHEREAS, as a result the hard-earned tax dollars of legal
citizens of this state must be redirected to benefit those who enter
this country and state illegally; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Oklahoma State
Legislature and other state, county and local entities and officials
to adequately utilize and protect the valuable resources and
services of this state; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Oklahoma State Legislature
pursue the necessary initiatives and enact or reform laws to achieve
the objectives necessary to ensure the most appropriate, beneficial
and fair use of public funds and resources for all eligible and in
need persons residing in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate shall create the Task Force on Oklahoma Illegal Immigration Issues to study all issues related to the question of illegal immigration affecting the state.

THAT the issues to be addressed by the task force shall include, but not be limited to, the following state, county and municipal services as well as private sector business and industry:

1. Social assistance, medical and special needs services;
2. Public elementary and secondary education;
3. Higher education;
4. Public safety, law enforcement, corrections and homeland security;
5. Taxation;
6. Processes for verification of citizenship and residency;
7. Human trafficking; and
8. State and federal coordination.

THAT in order to accomplish the purpose set forth for the task force the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint eleven (11) members as follows:

1. One chair who shall be a member of the Oklahoma State Senate;
2. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate;
3. The Director of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;
4. The Commissioner of Public Safety or his or her designee;
5. The Director of the State Department of Corrections or his or her designee;
6. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee;
7. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or his or her designee;
8. One owner or chief executive officer of a large Oklahoma business or industry employing more than one hundred (100) employees or his or her designee;
9. One owner or chief executive officer of a small Oklahoma business or industry employing less than one hundred (100) employees or his or her designee; and

10. One person who represents a major Hispanic Community organization.

THAT the task force shall meet at the date(s) and location(s) at the call of the chair and that the proceedings of all meetings shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

THAT the task force shall submit a report consisting of suggested legislation to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than November 30, 2006.

THAT members of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursements as follows:

1. Senate members 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;

2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Members of the task force who are not otherwise officers or employees of the state shall be reimbursed by the Oklahoma State Senate.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate