

EHB 1475

THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, April 13, 2005

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 1475

As Amended

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1475 - By: ASKINS and NANCE of the House
and COFFEE and LEFTWICH of the Senate.

**[crimes and punishments - Oklahoma Crime Victims' Justice
Task Force - providing for duties - noncodification -
emergency]**

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

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 Crime Victims' Justice Task Force".

B. The Oklahoma Crime Victims' Justice Task Force shall be
composed of thirteen (13) members as follows:

1. The Governor, or a designee;

2. The Attorney General, or a designee;

3. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council,
or a designee;

4. The Director of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of
Police, or a designee;

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

- 1 6. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or a
2 designee;
- 3 7. The Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal
4 Appeals, or a designee;
- 5 8. A district judge appointed by the President of the State
6 Judicial Conference;
- 7 9. The Deputy Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice,
8 or a designee;
- 9 10. A victim witness coordinator appointed by the District
10 Attorneys Council;
- 11 11. The president of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy,
12 or a designee;
- 13 12. One crime victim currently residing within a county having
14 a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000)
15 inhabitants, as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census,
16 appointed by the Victim Services Division of the Oklahoma District
17 Attorneys Council; and
- 18 13. One crime victim currently residing within a county having
19 a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants, as
20 determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census, appointed by the
21 Victim Services Division of the District Attorneys Council.
- 22 C. The chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
23 House of Representatives on or before July 1, 2005. The vice-chair

1 shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.
2 The chair shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or
3 before September 1, 2005. The members of the Task Force shall elect
4 any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in
5 any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary. Task
6 Force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for travel
7 expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their
8 respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel
9 Reimbursement Act. Remaining Task Force members shall be reimbursed
10 travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their
11 appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State
12 Travel Reimbursement Act.

13 D. Administrative support for the Task Force, including, but
14 not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance
15 of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force, shall be
16 provided by the District Attorneys Council to be supplemented, if
17 necessary, by the staff of the Oklahoma Attorney General. All
18 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative
19 support requested by the Task Force.

20 E. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on how
21 to achieve uniformity of victim services throughout the state by
22 examining current policies, procedures, and laws for crime victims
23 in the State of Oklahoma. The Task Force shall also study and make

1 recommendations regarding the effective promotion of public and
2 governmental awareness of the needs, rights and role of crime
3 victims within the criminal justice system.

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

10 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 4-6-05 - DO
15 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.