

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB1959  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Sally Kern

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1959

By: Johnson (Constance) of the  
Senate

6 and

7 Kern of the House

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9 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 ( Corrections - task force - noncodification -  
11 effective date -

12 emergency )

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2010, a task  
18 force to study the roles and responsibilities of the Department of  
19 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Department of  
20 Rehabilitation Services, and the Department of Corrections on behalf  
21 of women who are mentally ill and have been incarcerated with regard  
22 to:

- 23 1. Treatment;  
24 2. Rehabilitative services;

1           3. Support services during the reentry process for women who  
2 are mentally ill and have been incarcerated;

3           4. Employment;

4           5. Education; and

5           6. Other services that ensure successful reintegration into  
6 society and that reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

7           B. 1. In addition, the task force shall study the pre- and  
8 post-incarceration quality of life for such women including, but not  
9 limited to, the ability to:

10           a. access child care,

11           b. meet family responsibilities,

12           c. obtain and maintain employment,

13           d. meet financial responsibilities,

14           e. obtain and maintain treatment or medicines, and

15           f. become incarcerated or recidivate based on inability  
16 to access such interventions.

17           2. The task force shall also review agency policies and  
18 procedures related to:

19           a. methods for gaining trust and truth, and understanding  
20 the unique relationship needs of women who are  
21 mentally ill and have been incarcerated,

22           b. understanding historical motivators that lead to  
23 incarceration of women who are mentally ill including,  
24 but not limited to, domestic abuse, childhood abuse,

1 sexual molestation, sexual abuse, and dysfunctional  
2 family systems,

3 c. integrity of support systems,

4 d. individualized assessments,

5 e. discharge procedures, and

6 f. educating work sites about the special needs of women  
7 who are mentally ill and have been incarcerated.

8 C. In pursuing the goals for such women, the organization and  
9 procedures of the task force shall focus on:

10 1. Increased efficiency, including review and incorporation of  
11 the findings of existing female offender initiatives;

12 2. Measurable results;

13 3. Reduced costs;

14 4. Effective evaluations; and

15 5. Improved utilization of state resources.

16 D. The participating agencies shall provide staff assistance in  
17 administering the responsibilities of the task force. The  
18 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the  
19 Department of Corrections shall serve as co-lead agencies in  
20 implementing and conducting the task force study. The Senate and  
21 House staffs shall also provide staff assistance for meetings,  
22 logistics, and reports.

23 E. The task force shall be composed of nineteen (19) members as  
24 follows:

- 1        1. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and  
2 Substance Abuse Services, or designee;
- 3        2. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or designee;
- 4        3. The Director of the Department of Rehabilitation Services,  
5 or designee;
- 6        4. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or the  
7 Director of Child Welfare as designee;
- 8        5. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or  
9 designee;
- 10       6. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and  
11 Youth, or designee;
- 12       7. The Director of the District Attorneys Council, or designee;
- 13       8. Four members of the Legislature who shall be appointed as  
14 follows:
  - 15           a. two members representing the Senate, one member  
16           appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
17           and one member appointed by the Co-President Pro  
18           Tempore of the Senate, and
  - 19           b. two members representing the two parties of the House  
20           of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of  
21           the House of Representatives;
- 22       9. Two members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
23 the Senate from a list of names compiled by the Department of  
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1 Corrections of women who volunteer to be considered for the task  
2 force and who have a mental illness and have been incarcerated;

3 10. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
4 Representatives. One member shall be a representative of Workforce  
5 Oklahoma, and one member shall be a mental health service provider  
6 with doctorate level professional experience in the areas of child  
7 sexual molestation and abuse and other sexually explicit activities;  
8 and

9 11. Four members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- 10 a. two members who each represent a consumer advocacy  
11 agency that represents individuals who are affected by  
12 mental illness and/or their family members, and  
13 b. two members who shall each represent a community-based  
14 constituency advocacy entity that represents both  
15 individuals who are or have been incarcerated or their  
16 family members.

17 Ex officio members may be appointed by the chair consisting of  
18 representatives from existing female offender initiatives or  
19 programs including, but not limited to:

- 20 1. Study of Incarcerated Mothers and Their Children as created  
21 by SJR 48 (2004);  
22 2. County Community Corrections Programs;  
23 3. Community Sentencing Program;  
24 4. Oklahoma Access to Recovery;

1       5. Family Justice Project; and

2       6. Children of Promise Mentors of Hope.

3       F. The nonlegislative members of the task force shall receive  
4 travel reimbursement pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act,  
5 and the Legislative members shall receive reimbursement by the  
6 appointing authority.

7       G. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint the  
8 chair and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
9 the vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair shall jointly convene the  
10 first meeting of the task force on or before August 1, 2008. The  
11 membership may appoint from among the members other officers deemed  
12 necessary for the work of the task force. The chair may form  
13 committees and subcommittees as deemed appropriate. All appointed  
14 members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.  
15 All members shall be voting members, except ex officio members.

16       H. At the conclusion of the study, the task force shall prepare  
17 a final report to be distributed to the Governor, the Co-Presidents  
18 Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives, the Director of the Department of Corrections, the  
20 Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
21 Services, and the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation  
22 Services.

23       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

1       SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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