

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1895

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8 An Act relating to crimes and punishments;  
9 establishing the Oklahoma Anti-Gang Task Force;  
10 providing for membership; providing for appointment  
11 of chair and vice-chair; providing for travel  
12 reimbursement; providing for administrative support;  
13 providing for duties; requiring certain report to  
14 Governor and Legislature; providing for  
15 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created until February 1, 2008, the  
20 "Oklahoma Anti-Gang Task Force".

21 B. The Oklahoma Anti-Gang Task Force shall be composed of  
22 thirteen (13) members as follows:

- 23 1. The Lieutenant Governor, or designee;
- 24 2. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or designee;

1           3. Two sheriffs representing counties having a population of  
2 more than five hundred thousand (500,000) inhabitants, as determined  
3 by the latest Federal Decennial Census, appointed by the executive  
4 board of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association;

5           4. Two sheriffs representing counties having a population  
6 between one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants and four hundred  
7 ninety-nine thousand (499,000) inhabitants, as determined by the  
8 latest Federal Decennial Census, appointed by the executive board of  
9 the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association;

10          5. Two sheriffs representing counties having a population of  
11 less than one hundred thousand (100,000) inhabitants, as determined  
12 by the latest Federal Decennial Census, appointed by the executive  
13 board of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association;

14          6. One member selected by the Executive Director of the Office  
15 of Juvenile Affairs;

16          7. One member appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
17 Representatives;

18          8. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
19 State Senate;

20          9. One member appointed by the State Superintendent of Public  
21 Instruction; and

22          10. One member appointed by the Governor.

23          C. The Lieutenant Governor shall be the chair of the Task Force  
24 and shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or before

1 September 1, 2007. The members of the Task Force shall elect any  
2 other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in any  
3 office. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary. Task  
4 Force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for travel  
5 expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their  
6 respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel  
7 Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be  
8 reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the  
9 performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title  
10 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Remaining Task Force members shall be  
11 reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Task  
12 Force by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of  
13 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

21 E. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on how  
22 to reduce gang activity and youth violence in Oklahoma through state  
23 and community prevention and intervention programs. The Task Force  
24 shall make recommendations regarding the funding of community

1 prevention and intervention programs. The Task Force shall also  
2 study and make recommendations on developing strategies that will  
3 assist in safeguarding communities against youth gang activities as  
4 well as providing support and supervision to present and potential  
5 gang members.

6 F. The Task Force shall make a report to the Governor, the  
7 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro  
8 Tempore of the State Senate, and the appropriate committees of the  
9 Senate and the House of Representatives by February 1, 2008. The  
10 report shall be prepared by the administrative staff of the affected  
11 agencies.

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

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