

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1709

By: Coffee of the Senate

and

6 Blackwell of the House

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10 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
11 task force; providing for membership; providing for
12 duties; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring
13 a report; providing for noncodification; providing an
14 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

18 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2008, a task
19 force to study the proposed consolidation of the Office of the Chief
20 Medical Examiner. The task force shall:

21 1. Explore whether the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
22 should be consolidated with another state agency;

23 2. Determine the appropriate placement of the Office of the
24 Chief Medical Examiner;

1 3. Discuss potential conflicts of interest which may result
2 from consolidation; and

3 4. Determine potential cost savings which may result from
4 consolidation.

5 B. The task force shall be composed of nine (9) members as
6 follows:

7 1. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
8 Senate as follows:

9 a. a representative of an association of pathologists in
10 this state,

11 b. a representative of the Oklahoma District Attorneys
12 Council, and

13 c. a representative of police chiefs in this state;

14 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives as follows:

16 a. a representative of an association of allopathic
17 physicians in this state,

18 b. a representative of defense attorneys in this state, and

19 c. a representative of an association of sheriffs in this
20 state; and

21 3. Three members appointed by the Governor as follows:

22 a. a representative of an association of osteopathic
23 physicians in this state,

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1 b. a representative of an organization which provides
2 services to and/or advocates on behalf of victims of
3 crimes, and

4 c. a representative of an association of funeral directors
5 in this state.

6 C. The members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of
7 the appointing authority.

8 D. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be selected
9 by the task force from among the members.

10 E. A quorum of the task force shall be required in order for
11 any final action of the task force.

12 F. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
13 to perform the duties imposed upon it.

14 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
15 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

16 1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
17 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
18 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
19 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

20 2. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
21 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
22 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

23 H. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
24 staffs of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

1 I. The task force shall report its findings, including any
2 legislative recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of the
3 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
4 Governor by November 30, 2008.

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

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

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