

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 1709

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1709 - By:
COFFEE of the Senate and BLACKWELL of the House.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the
2 Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:
- 3 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2008, a task force to study the
4 proposed consolidation of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The task force shall:
- 5 1. Explore whether the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner should be consolidated
6 with another state agency;
- 7 2. Determine the appropriate placement of the Office of the Chief Medical
8 Examiner;
- 9 3. Discuss potential conflicts of interest which may result from consolidation; and
10 4. Determine potential cost savings which may result from consolidation.

- 1 B. The task force shall be composed of nine (9) members as follows:
- 2 1. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as
- 3 follows:
- 4 a. a representative of an association of pathologists in this state,
- 5 b. a representative of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council, and
- 6 c. a representative of police chiefs in this state;
- 7 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as
- 8 follows:
- 9 a. a representative of an association of allopathic physicians in this state,
- 10 b. a representative of defense attorneys in this state, and
- 11 c. a representative of an association of sheriffs in this state; and
- 12 3. Three members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- 13 a. a representative of an association of osteopathic physicians in this state,
- 14 b. a representative of an organization which provides services to and/or
- 15 advocates on behalf of victims of crimes, and
- 16 c. a representative of an association of funeral directors in this state.
- 17 C. The members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
- 18 authority.
- 19 D. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be selected by the task force from
- 20 among the members.
- 21 E. A quorum of the task force shall be required in order for any final action of the
- 22 task force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
21 TRANSPORTATION, dated 04-03-08 - DO PASS, As Amended.