

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3038

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments;
8 establishing the Oklahoma Crime Victims' Rights Task
9 Force; providing for membership; providing for
10 appointment of chair and vice-chair; providing for
11 travel reimbursement; providing for administrative
12 support; providing for duties; requiring certain
13 report be submitted to Governor and Legislature;
14 providing for noncodification; and declaring an
15 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, 2010, the
20 "Oklahoma Crime Victims' Rights Task Force".

21 B. The Oklahoma Crime Victims' Rights Task Force shall be
22 composed of fifteen (15) members as follows:

- 23 1. The Governor or a designee;
- 24 2. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

- 1 3. One member of the State Senate appointed by the President
- 2 Pro Tempore of the State Senate;
- 3 4. The Attorney General or a designee;
- 4 5. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council,
- 5 or a designee;
- 6 6. The Director of the Oklahoma Chiefs of Police Association,
- 7 or a designee;
- 8 7. The Director of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association, or a
- 9 designee;
- 10 8. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or a
- 11 designee;
- 12 9. Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals,
- 13 or a designee;
- 14 10. District Judge appointed by the Chair of the State Judicial
- 15 Conference;
- 16 11. Deputy Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a
- 17 designee;
- 18 12. Victim Witness Coordinator, or a designee;
- 19 13. President of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, or
- 20 a designee;
- 21 14. One crime victim currently residing within a county having
- 22 a population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000)
- 23 inhabitants, as determined by the latest federal census, appointed
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1 by the Victim Services Division of the Oklahoma District Attorneys
2 Council; and

3 15. One crime victim currently residing within a county having
4 a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants, as
5 determined by the latest federal census, appointed by the Victim
6 Services Division of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council.

7 C. The chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
8 House of Representatives on or before September 1, 2008. The vice-
9 chair shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
10 Oklahoma State Senate. The chair shall convene the first meeting of
11 the Task Force on or before November 1, 2008. The members of the
12 Task Force shall elect any other officers during the first meeting
13 and upon a vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as
14 often as necessary. Task Force members employed by the state shall
15 be reimbursed for travel expenses related to their service on the
16 Task Force by their respective agencies pursuant to the provisions
17 of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the
18 Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses
19 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with
20 Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Remaining Task
21 Force members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their
22 service on the Task Force by their appointing authorities pursuant
23 to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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1 D. Administrative support for the Task Force, including, but
2 not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance
3 of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force, shall be
4 provided by the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Resource Center to be
5 supplemented, if necessary, by the staff of the Oklahoma House of
6 Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate. All participating
7 state agencies shall provide for any administrative support
8 requested by the Task Force.

9 E. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on how
10 to achieve uniformity of victim services throughout the state by
11 examining current policies, procedures, and laws for crime victims
12 in the state of Oklahoma. The Task Force shall also study and make
13 recommendations regarding the effective promotion of public and
14 governmental awareness of the needs and rights of crime victims and
15 their role within the criminal justice system.

16 F. The Task Force shall make a report to the Governor, the
17 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, the Speaker of
18 the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the appropriate committee
19 of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of
20 Representatives by January 1, 2010. The report shall be prepared by
21 the administrative staff of the affected agencies.

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

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