

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1050

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution relating to school violence;  
8 making legislative findings; establishing the Task  
9 Force on School Violence, providing for appointments;  
10 providing for designation of cochairs; providing for  
11 meetings and staffing; providing for reimbursement  
12 for travel; providing for purpose; and requiring  
13 certain report.

14 WHEREAS, according to the National Crime Study, approximately  
15 3,000,000 crimes occur on or near school campuses each year, which  
16 translates into 16,000 crimes per school day or one crime every six  
17 seconds; and

18 WHEREAS, according to a study by the National Institute of  
19 Education, each month nearly 5,200 of the nation's 1,000,000  
20 secondary school teachers are physically attacked on school grounds;  
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22 WHEREAS, of these teachers, approximately 1,000 suffer serious  
23 injuries which require medical attention, and approximately 130,000  
24 teachers are burglarized and approximately 6,000 are robbed each  
month; and

1       WHEREAS, because of growing concern of threats of violence in  
2 Oklahoma public schools, the Oklahoma Legislature in 2004 adopted  
3 legislation which requires a safe school committee at each public  
4 school site, composed of teachers, parents, and students; and

5       WHEREAS, in an effort to further address the issues relating to  
6 school violence, the Oklahoma Legislature believes that this serious  
7 and complicated problem requires a comprehensive and multifaceted  
8 approach, which involves the creation of a task force with  
9 participation from the entire community in order to address the  
10 problem.

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
13 CONCURRING THEREIN:

14       THAT there is hereby created to continue until December 31,  
15 2008, the Task Force on School Violence.

16       THAT the Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members.

17       THAT of the eleven members:

18       1. Three shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
19 House of Representatives as follows:

- 20       a. one shall be an elementary teacher in the public  
21       schools,
- 22       b. one shall be a counselor in the public schools, and
- 23       c. one shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of  
24       Representatives,

1        2. Three shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
2 State Senate as follows:

- 3            a. one shall be a representative of a statewide  
4            association of police chiefs,
- 5            b. one shall be a school administrator (including  
6            principal), and
- 7            c. one shall be a member of the State Senate,

8        3. Three shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- 9            a. one shall be a representative of a statewide child  
10            advocacy organization,
- 11            b. one shall be a secondary teacher in the public  
12            schools, and
- 13            c. one shall be a parent of a student in the public  
14            schools, and

15        4. Three shall be public sector representatives as follows:

- 16            a. the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health  
17            and Substance Abuse Services, or designee, and
- 18            b. the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics  
19            and Dangerous Drugs Control, and
- 20            c. the Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys  
21            Council, or designee.

22        THAT members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
23 authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the  
24 original appointing authority.

1 THAT appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 1,  
2 2008.

3 THAT the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and  
4 the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall each designate a  
5 cochair from among the members of the Task Force.

6 THAT the cochairs of the Task Force shall convene the first  
7 meeting of the Task Force on or before August 1, 2008.

8 THAT a majority of the members present at a meeting shall  
9 constitute a quorum to do business.

10 THAT members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
11 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

12 1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed in  
13 accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes; and

15 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed  
16 by their appointing authorities or employing agencies pursuant to  
17 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

18 THAT the purpose of the Task Force shall be to study and make  
19 recommendations relating to the problem of school violence.

20 THAT the Task Force shall issue a report of its recommendations  
21 to the Legislature and the Governor no later than December 31, 2008.

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