

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1063

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution creating the Oklahoma  
8 Reduction of Recidivism of Inmates Task Force;  
9 stating purpose and duties of the Task Force;  
10 providing for membership; requiring appointments by  
11 certain date; requiring certain meetings; providing  
12 for termination of Task Force activities; requiring  
13 the Task Force to confer and collaborate with certain  
14 organizations; providing for staff and assistance;  
15 providing for travel reimbursement; and requiring  
16 reports by a certain date.

17 WHEREAS, planned reintegration of inmates through use of halfway  
18 houses, work-release programs, drug-treatment programs and faith-  
19 based organizations should focus on teaching life skills to  
20 offenders to complement the inmates' successful return to society;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, prison work programs have been proven to drastically  
23 reduce recidivism rates among inmates by developing life skills that  
24 can be used upon release from custody; and

WHEREAS, the successful transition of a previously incarcerated  
person to the community benefits the individual, the community and

1 the state as a whole and should be considered of vital importance in  
2 these times of rising incarceration rates, increased financial  
3 burdens and prison overcrowding; and

4 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma should explore all options to  
5 facilitate an increase in the number of offenders who successfully  
6 transition from prison to the community.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
8 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE  
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT a Task Force is hereby created until November 1, 2008, to  
11 be named the "Oklahoma Reduction of Recidivism of Inmates Task  
12 Force", the purpose of which shall be to review and make  
13 recommendations concerning the selection of an existing state  
14 facility that shall be used solely for the purpose of providing  
15 reintegration skills to inmates who will be transitioning from  
16 incarceration with the Department of Corrections to the community.  
17 The Task Force shall also study and make recommendations concerning  
18 the projected operational costs for such a facility and costs  
19 associated with the creation and implementation of programs designed  
20 to assist inmates with reintegration into society and the reduction  
21 of recidivism.

22 THAT the Task Force shall be composed of seventeen (17) members  
23 as follows:

24 1. The Governor, or a designee;

1           2. Three members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, two  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
3 and one appointed by the Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of  
4 Representatives;

5           3. Four members of the State Senate, two appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate and two appointed by the  
7 Co-President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

8           4. The Attorney General, or a designee;

9           5. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council,  
10 or a designee;

11          6. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or a designee;

12          7. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or a  
13 designee;

14          8. The Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal  
15 Appeals, or a designee;

16          9. Two prison ministry volunteers to be selected by the  
17 Governor from a list of names provided by the Office of Faith-Based  
18 and Community Initiatives;

19          10. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense  
20 System, or a designee; and

21          11. A person who has discharged their term of incarceration and  
22 supervision from the Department of Corrections who also was a  
23 participant in a prison ministry program to be selected by the  
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1 Governor from a list of names provided by the Office of Faith-Based  
2 and Community Initiatives.

3 THAT the appointments to the Task Force shall be made no later  
4 than June 1, 2008.

5 THAT the chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
6 House of Representatives on or before June 1, 2008. The vice-chair  
7 shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate  
8 on or before June 1, 2008. The chair shall convene the first  
9 meeting of the Task Force on or before June 15, 2008. Any vacancies  
10 occurring on the Task Force shall be filled by the original  
11 appointing authority.

12 THAT administrative support for the Task Force, including but  
13 not limited to personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance  
14 of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force, shall be  
15 provided by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and  
16 the State Senate. All participating state agencies shall provide  
17 for any administrative support requested by the Task Force.

18 THAT the members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation  
19 for serving on the Task Force but may receive travel reimbursement  
20 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of  
21 their duties from their respective agency or appointing authority in  
22 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement  
23 Act. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for  
24 their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their

1 duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes.

3 THAT the Task Force shall make a written report of its findings  
4 and recommendations, as well as make any additional reports deemed  
5 necessary and appropriate, by November 1, 2008. All reports issued  
6 by the Task Force shall be presented to the Governor, the President  
7 Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives.

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