

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 283

By: Coates and Leftwich of the  
Senate

6 and

7 Jackson of the House

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10 An Act relating to children; creating the Task Force  
11 on Youth Transitioning into Adulthood; providing  
12 expiration date; specifying duties; providing for  
13 membership; directing selection of cochairs;  
14 requiring quorum; providing for travel reimbursement;  
15 directing staff support by the Office of Juvenile  
16 Affairs; directing date of first meeting; requiring  
17 certain report; providing for noncodification;  
18 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
19 emergency.

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

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

23 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2009, the Task  
24 Force on Youth Transitioning into Adulthood to study policies and  
programs to assist youth as they transition into adulthood through

1 education, behavioral health, social services, housing, and  
2 employment services. The task force shall:

3 1. Conduct an in-depth study of the populations of youth who  
4 are not served or who are inadequately served as they transition  
5 into adulthood, including, but not limited to:

6 a. youth who are currently in or are preparing to exit  
7 the juvenile justice system,

8 b. youth who are currently in or are preparing to exit  
9 the foster care system, and

10 c. youth who experience conditions in their daily lives  
11 that place their health, safety, physical and mental  
12 health at risk;

13 2. Study issues that directly impact the ability of youth to  
14 transition into adulthood, including, but not limited to:

15 a. financial independence,

16 b. life skills, and

17 c. transportation;

18 3. Study current state and federal programs that assist youth  
19 as they transition into adulthood, including program criteria and  
20 barriers;

21 4. Generate input from youth about their personal experience  
22 with programs and issues that impact their ability to transition  
23 into adulthood;

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1           5. Generate input from providers of youth transitioning  
2 programs about issues that impact their ability to provide quality  
3 services;

4           6. Explore the creation of new state programs to ensure that  
5 young people in Oklahoma who do not qualify for existing programs  
6 can be served;

7           7. Examine various methods, including but not limited to tax  
8 credits, that can be used to incentivize businesses to hire young  
9 people; and

10          8. Provide recommendations for legislation to implement the  
11 findings of the task force.

12          B. The task force shall be composed of fifteen (15) members as  
13 follows:

14           1. The Director of the Department of Human Services;

15           2. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

16           3. One member from the Governor's Task Force on Economic  
17 Development to be appointed by the Governor;

18           4. Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
19 Senate as follows:

20               a. one member from the Senate,

21               b. one member from the State Department of Education with  
22 experience in alternative education,

23               c. one member from the Oklahoma Employment Security  
24 Commission,

- d. one member from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce,
- e. one member from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and
- f. one member from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

5. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- a. one member from the House of Representatives,
- b. one member from a Job Corps Center in Oklahoma,
- c. one member from an association of Youth Service Agencies in the state,
- d. one member from an association of child advocates in the state,
- e. one member from a chamber of commerce in the state, and
- f. one member from a publicly operated local workforce investment area.

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

D. The Director of the Department of Human Services and the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall serve as cochairs for the task force.

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

1 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
2 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

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

10 G. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the  
11 Office of Juvenile Affairs.

12 H. The task force shall conduct its initial meeting not later  
13 than fifteen (15) days after the effective date of this act.

14 I. The task force shall report its findings, including any  
15 legislative recommendations, to the President Pro Tempore of the  
16 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
17 Governor by November 30, 2009.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

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

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