

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 2292

By: Lerblance and Johnson
(Constance) of the Senate

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4 Morrissette of the House
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7 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
8 the Drug Offenders Sentencing Task Force; stating
9 purpose; providing membership; providing meeting
10 procedures; authorizing reimbursement; providing for
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-407.2 of Title 63, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. 1. There is hereby created until January 1, 2012, in
17 accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Drug
18 Offenders Sentencing Task Force for the purpose of examining the
19 effects of reclassifying sentencing for nonviolent drug offenses in
20 the current code. The task force will study and make
21 recommendations on classification of all drug offenses while taking
22 into consideration public safety concerns.
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1 2. The task force shall consist of a representative from each
2 of the following organizations or state agencies selected by that
3 organization or agency:

- 4 a. the State Department of Corrections,
- 5 b. District Attorneys Council,
- 6 c. the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission,
- 7 d. the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous
8 Drugs Control,
- 9 e. Oklahoma Public Defender's Office,
- 10 f. Oklahoma Bar Association
- 11 g. two appointees selected by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives,
- 13 h. two appointees selected by the President Pro Tempore
14 of the Senate, and
- 15 i. two appointees selected by the Governor.

16 3. Any vacancies in the appointive membership of the task force
17 shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

18 B. A chair of the task force shall be elected from among its
19 membership at the initial meeting which shall meet not later than
20 ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act.

21 C. The task force may meet at such times as may be set by the
22 chair of the task force.

1 D. Members of the task force shall receive no salary; however,
2 all members of the task force may be reimbursed for their actual and
3 necessary travel expenses as follows:

4 1. Task force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed
5 by their respective employing agency pursuant to the State Travel
6 Reimbursement Act;

7 2. Legislators who are appointed to the task force shall be
8 reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74
9 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

10 3. Any other task force members may receive reimbursement from
11 their appointing authority.

12 E. A majority of the members appointed to the task force shall
13 constitute a quorum and a majority present may act for the task
14 force.

15 F. The Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of
16 Representatives shall provide staff assistance to the task force as
17 necessary to assist the task force in the performance of its duties.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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