

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 932

By: Coffee of the Senate
and
Duncan of the House

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; creating the Victims Rights to Protection Task Force; stating purpose of task force; providing for membership; providing for the appointment of chair and vice-chair; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring preparation of certain report to the Legislature; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. There is hereby created the Victims Rights To Protection Task Force to continue until January 1, 2010. The task force shall study the needs and ability of victims to lawfully defend against harmful conduct and the right to self-protection and protection of others at all times from physical harm and threats of harm from the criminal conduct of another person.

B. The task force shall consist of seven (7) members as follows:

1. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, or designee;

2. The Executive Director of the District Attorneys Council, or designee;

3. One member representing the law enforcement community who shall be a member of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association and who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

4. One member representing firearm advocates who shall be a member of the Oklahoma Rifle Association and who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5. One member representing victims of domestic abuse who shall be a member of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

6. One legislative member of the House of Representatives who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

7. One legislative member of the Senate who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

The task force members shall each serve according to their respective office or, if appointed, at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Each member shall be a voting member of the task force. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and meetings. Task force meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. The task force chair shall be the legislative member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the vice-chair shall be the legislative member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The nonlegislative members of the task force shall receive travel reimbursement pursuant to the State Travel and Reimbursement Act, and the legislative members shall receive reimbursement by their respective appointing authorities. Legislative staff shall provide assistance and support to the task force.

C. At the conclusion of the study, the task force shall prepare a final report to be filed with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2010.

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

Passed the Senate the 7th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives