

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1052

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution creating the Child Abuse Law Enforcement  
8 Investigator Steering Committee; stating membership;  
9 providing for chair and vice chair; stating purpose;  
10 providing for assistance from other child advocacy  
11 organizations; providing for travel reimbursement;  
12 and establishing reporting requirements.

13 WHEREAS, the abuse of children in Oklahoma often leads to  
14 criminal investigations; and

15 WHEREAS, law enforcement investigators would benefit from a  
16 systematic evaluation of their efforts; and

17 WHEREAS, law enforcement investigators would also benefit from  
18 having uniform standards and guidelines for their duties; and

19 WHEREAS, the children of Oklahoma who are victims of criminal  
20 abuse would benefit from the formation of a steering committee  
21 designed to address important issues related to child abuse law  
22 enforcement investigations.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
24 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1 THAT there is hereby created until December 31, 2010, the "Child  
2 Abuse Law Enforcement Investigator Steering Committee".

3 THAT the Committee shall consist of the following members:

4 1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be  
5 selected by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

6 2. One law enforcement investigator to be selected by the  
7 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

8 3. The Commissioner of Public Safety, who shall be the chair of  
9 the Committee;

10 4. One district attorney to be selected by the Speaker of the  
11 House of Representatives, who shall be the vice-chair of the  
12 Committee;

13 5. The Director of the Department of Human Services or  
14 designee; and

15 6. A representative of a nationally recognized state  
16 organization of children's advocacy centers who shall be an ex  
17 officio member and shall not be entitled to vote, to be selected by  
18 the chair of the Committee.

19 THAT a majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute  
20 a quorum.

21 THAT staffing assistance for the Committee shall be provided by  
22 a nationally recognized state organization of children's advocacy  
23 centers. The Committee chair shall select the organization.  
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1        THAT nonlegislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed  
2 by their respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred  
3 in the performance of duties pursuant to the State Travel  
4 Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be  
5 reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance  
6 of duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title  
7 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8        THAT the committee shall be responsible for:

9        1. Prescribing standards for the performance of specialized  
10 child abuse law enforcement investigators;

11        2. Evaluating the performance of specialized child abuse law  
12 enforcement investigators in the state; and

13        3. Developing recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of  
14 the Oklahoma House of Representatives and any state agency having  
15 jurisdiction with respect to alleged or adjudicated instances of  
16 child abuse or neglect.

17        THAT the Committee shall prepare and submit a written report  
18 regarding the status of investigations relating to abused or  
19 neglected children. The report shall be submitted to the Governor,  
20 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the  
21 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Director of the Department of  
22 Human Services no later than June 1, 2010.

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1        THAT all appointments to the Committee shall be made by July 15,  
2 2009.

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