

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 2170

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2170 - By: SPARKS of the Senate and JORDAN of the House.

An Act relating to courts; creating Task Force on Standardization of Courtroom Security Procedures; specifying duties; providing for membership, organization, staffing and travel reimbursement; requiring report; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

3 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2010, the Task Force on
4 Standardization of Courtroom Security Procedures. The purpose of the task force is to
5 study the current security systems for courthouses in this state and to develop a
6 standard statewide protocol for security procedures. The task force shall:

7 1. Review the security systems and procedures used in the various courthouses in
8 the counties of this state, the appellate courts, the federal courts and the courts in
9 surrounding states;

10 2. Identify both problems and best practices present in the current systems and
11 procedures used in the county courthouses; and

1 3. Develop either a standard statewide system as a goal to be implemented in each
2 county courthouse or statewide standards for the various systems and procedures used in
3 county courthouses.

4 B. The task force shall be composed of four (4) members as follows:

5 1. The chairs of the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the House of
6 Representatives;

7 2. The principal Senate author of this measure; and

8 3. The principal House author of this measure.

9 C. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be designated by a joint
10 agreement of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives from the chairs of the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the
12 House of Representatives.

13 D. A quorum of the task force shall be three members. A quorum of the task force
14 shall be required in order for the task force to take any final action on recommendations
15 to the Legislature.

16 E. Members of the task force shall not receive compensation for their service, but
17 shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
18 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
19 Statutes.

20 F. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the Administrative Director
21 of the Courts and the staffs of the Senate and House of Representatives.

1 G. Prior to November 31, 2010, the task force shall submit a report of its findings
2 and recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives.

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

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 03-23-10 - DO PASS.