

3 Senate Bill No. 1967

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5 House.

6 An Act relating to children; creating Task Force on Parental
7 Responsibility for Runaway Youth; specifying duties;
8 providing for membership, organization, staffing and travel
9 reimbursement; requiring report; providing for
10 noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring
11 an emergency.

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

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

15 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2010, the Task
16 Force on Parental Responsibility for Runaway Youth. The task force
17 shall study the issue of parental responsibility for damages caused
18 by sixteen- or seventeen-year-old runaway youth and make a
19 determination on the extent to which parents should have
20 responsibility for actions of and damages caused by such youth.

21 B. The task force shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

22 1. Three members shall be appointed by the President Pro
23 Tempore of the Senate, two of whom shall be members of the Senate.
24 The two members of the Senate shall not be members of the same
25 political party;

1 2. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House
2 of Representatives, two of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives. The two members of the House of Representatives
4 shall not be members of the same political party; and

5 3. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor.

6 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 31,
7 2010, and its first meeting shall be convened no later than August
8 31, 2010. Members shall elect a chair and vice-chair. Meetings of
9 the task force shall be held at the call of the chair. Members
10 shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A
11 majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum
12 to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the
13 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.
14 A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original
15 appointing authority. Staff support for the task force shall be
16 provided by the staff of the Senate and the House of
17 Representatives.

18 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
19 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
20 follows:

21 1. State employees who are members of the task force shall be
22 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their

1 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
2 Travel Reimbursement Act;

3 2. All other task force members shall be reimbursed by the
4 appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance
5 of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement
6 Act; and

7 3. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with
8 Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9 E. The task force shall submit a report by November 30, 2010,
10 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include
12 findings and recommendations for legislative and administrative
13 action as may be necessary.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

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

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-16-10 - DO
20 PASS, As Coauthored.