

3 Senate Bill No. 2292

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5 of the House.

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

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

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

15 A. 1. There is hereby created until January 1, 2012, in
16 accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Drug
17 Offenders Sentencing Task Force for the purpose of examining the
18 effects of reclassifying sentencing for nonviolent drug offenses in
19 the current code. The task force will study and make
20 recommendations on classification of all drug offenses while taking
21 into consideration public safety concerns.

22 2. The task force shall consist of a representative from each
23 of the following organizations or state agencies selected by that
24 organization or agency:

- 25 a. the State Department of Corrections,
26 b. District Attorneys Council,

- 1 c. the Oklahoma Sentencing Commission,
- 2 d. the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous
- 3 Drugs Control,
- 4 e. Oklahoma Public Defender's Office,
- 5 f. Oklahoma Bar Association
- 6 g. two appointees selected by the Speaker of the House of
- 7 Representatives,
- 8 h. two appointees selected by the President Pro Tempore
- 9 of the Senate, and
- 10 i. two appointees selected by the Governor.

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

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

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

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

21 1. Task force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed
22 by their respective employing agency pursuant to the State Travel
23 Reimbursement Act;

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

4 3. Any other task force members may receive reimbursement from
5 their appointing authority.

6 E. A majority of the members appointed to the task force shall
7 constitute a quorum and a majority present may act for the task
8 force.

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY,
14 dated 2-9-10 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.