ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 56 By: Burrage of the Senate

and

Sherrer of the House

An Act relating to the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma; creating a task force to study the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma; providing expiration date; specifying duties; providing for membership; directing selection of chair and vice-chair; requiring quorum; providing for travel reimbursement; directing staff support; requiring certain report by certain date; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma; creating a task force to study the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma; providing expiration date; specifying duties; providing for membership; directing selection of chair and vice-chair; requiring quorum; prohibiting compensation and travel reimbursement; directing staff support; requiring certain report by certain date; and providing for noncodification.

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 until November 11, 2011, a task force to study the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma. The task force shall:

1. Examine the membership of the War Veterans Commission;

2. Study the mission of the War Veterans Commission and determine its appropriateness in the present day;

3. Determine how the current population of wartime veterans would be best aided by Oklahoma Veterans Centers and other entities of the state;

4. Examine the transition of Vietnam War Veterans and how to address the reintegration of veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts; and

5. Recommend any actions or legislation which the task force deems necessary or appropriate.

B. The task force shall be composed of ten (10) members as follows:

1. Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

2. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

C. The members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

D. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be selected by the task force from among the members.

E. A quorum of the task force shall be required in order for any final action by the task force.

F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or travel reimbursement for their service.

G. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

H. The task force shall report its findings, including any legislative recommendations, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor by Veterans Day, November 11, 2011."

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate