

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 56

By: Burrage of the Senate

and

Sherrer of the House

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10 An Act relating to the War Veterans Commission of
11 Oklahoma; creating a task force to study the War
12 Veterans Commission of Oklahoma; providing expiration
13 date; specifying duties; providing for membership;
14 directing selection of chair and vice-chair;
15 requiring quorum; prohibiting compensation and travel
16 reimbursement; directing staff support; requiring
17 certain report by certain date; providing for
18 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
19 declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
24 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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2011.

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

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