

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 56

By: Burrage of the Senate

and

Sherrer of the House

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

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created until November 11, 2011, a task  
20 force to study the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma. The task  
21 force shall:

22 1. Examine the membership of the War Veterans Commission;

23 2. Study the mission of the War Veterans Commission and  
24 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;

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

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

6           B. The task force shall be composed of nine (9) members as  
7 follows:

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

10          2. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives.

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

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

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

18          F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
19 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

20          1. Any legislative members of the task force shall be  
21 reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance  
22 of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of  
23 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

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1 2. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed  
2 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
3 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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

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

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

15 Passed the Senate the 16th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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19 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

20 2011.

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