

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 427

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Punishment Standards
8 Commission Task Force; creating task force and
9 specifying duty thereof; providing for membership,
10 appointments, meetings, chair, operations and staff
11 support; providing for travel reimbursement;
12 requiring certain report; providing for
13 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

17 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2012, the
18 Punishment Standards Commission Task Force. The task force shall
19 have the duty of reviewing criminal sentencing practices and laws in
20 this state and make recommendations to the Legislature and the
21 Governor on appropriate prison capacity, prison facilities,
22 sentencing and other statutory changes necessary to improve the
23 state's criminal justice system.

24 B. The task force shall consist of eleven (11) members as
follows:

1 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate, who shall not be members of the same
3 political party;

4 2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall not be members of
6 the same political party;

7 3. The Governor;

8 4. The Attorney General;

9 5. The Chief Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals;

10 6. The Director of the Department of Corrections;

11 7. The Administrative Director of the Courts;

12 8. One member of the District Attorneys' Council, to be
13 designated by the Council; and

14 9. One member of the Pardon and Parole Board, to be designated
15 by the Board.

16 C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by August 31,
17 2011. The first meeting of the task force shall be called by the
18 Governor and shall be held not later than September 30, 2011, at
19 which meeting a chair shall be elected by a majority of the members
20 of the task force. Subsequent meetings of the task force shall be
21 held at the call of the chair of the task force. Members shall
22 serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A majority
23 of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum to
24 transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the

1 remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.
2 A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original
3 appointing authority. Staff support for the task force shall be
4 provided by the State Department of Corrections, the Senate, and the
5 House of Representatives.

6 D. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
7 serving on the task force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
8 follows:

9 1. State employees who are members of the task force shall be
10 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
11 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
12 Travel Reimbursement Act;

13 2. All other task force members shall be reimbursed by the
14 appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance
15 of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement
16 Act; and

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

19 E. Not later than November 30, 2012, the task force shall
20 submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
21 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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