

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3011

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8 An Act relating to adoption; creating the Task Force
9 on Adoption Reform; providing termination date;
10 providing for membership; establishing appointment
11 deadline; directing how vacancies should be filled;
12 requiring organizational meeting; providing for
13 selection of officers; providing for quorum;
14 authorizing Task Force to meet as necessary;
15 requiring compliance with certain acts; prohibiting
16 travel reimbursement; providing for staff assistance;
17 requiring submission of final report by a certain
18 date; providing for noncodification; and providing an
19 effective date.

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

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

23 A. There is hereby created until January 1, 2016, the "Task
24 Force on Adoption Reform".

B. The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

1. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or
designee;

1 2. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
2 of Representatives as follows:

- 3 a. an attorney who practices adoption law,
- 4 b. an employee of a child-placing agency licensed and
5 authorized to place minors for adoption,
- 6 c. a member of an Indian tribe who is involved in Indian
7 child adoptions, and
- 8 d. a member of the public interested in adoption issues;
9 and

10 3. Four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
11 Oklahoma State Senate as follows:

- 12 a. an attorney who practices adoption law,
- 13 b. an employee of a child-placing agency licensed and
14 authorized to place minors for adoption,
- 15 c. a member of an Indian tribe who is involved in Indian
16 child adoptions, and
- 17 d. a member of the public interested in adoption issues.

18 C. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by December 1,
19 2014. Members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the
20 appointing authority. Vacancies in a position shall be filled in
21 the same manner as the original appointment.

22 D. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not
23 later than December 31, 2014. The Task Force shall elect a chair
24 and cochair at the organizational meeting. A majority of the

1 members present at the organizational meeting or any subsequent
2 meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action
3 taken including the preparation and approval of the final report
4 required by subsection I of this section.

5 E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in
6 order to perform the duties imposed upon it.

7 F. The Task Force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
8 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

9 G. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation
10 and shall not be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred
11 in the performance of their duties.

12 H. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
13 staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma
14 State Senate.

15 I. The Task Force shall produce a final written report of its
16 findings and any recommendations regarding the adoption process in
17 Oklahoma. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the
18 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker
19 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives not later than December 31,
20 2015.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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