

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3455

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Urban
8 Agriculture Initiative Task Force; providing for
9 membership; providing appointment deadline; requiring
10 members to elect a chair; providing for quorum;
11 specifying meeting frequency; identifying staff
12 assistance for the Task Force; prohibiting
13 compensation and travel reimbursement; requiring
14 written report; providing for codification; providing
15 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 21-1 of Title 2, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2014, the
21 Oklahoma Urban Agriculture Initiative Task Force to recommend to the
22 Legislature and other policymakers measures that strive to eliminate
23 hunger and increase food security by creating sustainable, local
24 food systems that bridge race, class, and age with a focus on low-
income communities within the State of Oklahoma, through social
change and youth empowerment.

1 B. The Task Force shall be composed of three (3) members as
2 follows:

3 1. One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
4 House of Representatives;

5 2. One member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
6 the State Senate; and

7 3. The State Secretary of the Oklahoma Department of
8 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

9 C. Members of the Task Force that are to be appointed shall be
10 appointed no later than September 1, 2014.

11 D. Members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the
12 membership. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall
13 constitute a quorum to transact business. The Task Force shall meet
14 as often as may be required in order to perform the duties imposed
15 upon it.

16 E. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the
17 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate.

18 F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
19 their services and shall not be eligible for reimbursement pursuant
20 to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

21 G. The Task Force shall make a written report of its findings
22 and recommendations, as well as make any additional reports deemed
23 necessary and appropriate, by December 31, 2014. All reports issued
24 by the Task Force shall be presented to the Governor, the President

1 Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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

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