

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 258

6 By: Holt

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to small business; creating the Small
9 Business Deregulation Task Force; setting duration,
10 duties and membership; requiring recommendations be
11 presented by certain date; designating the Lieutenant
12 Governor as Chair; directing selection of Vice Chair;
13 providing for staff; allowing nonmember expertise;
14 authorizing certain meeting schedule; providing for
15 travel reimbursement; directing meetings under Open
16 Meeting Act; and providing for noncodification.

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

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

20 A. There is hereby created the Small Business Deregulation Task
21 Force to continue until January 31, 2018. The Task Force shall have
22 the duty to:

23 1. Over a three-year period make recommendations to the
24 Legislature for dramatically reducing statutory regulations on small
business, commerce, and occupational licensing;

1 2. Make recommendations for statutory repeals that position
2 Oklahoma as the least regulated, most free-market state in the
3 nation in which to do business; and

4 3. Consider recommending repeal of any statutory regulations on
5 small business, commerce, and occupational licensing that do not
6 directly and materially impact the physical safety of Oklahomans.

7 B. The Task Force shall be composed of the Lieutenant Governor,
8 the Secretary of Commerce, and six current members of the
9 Legislature, three each appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
10 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
11 appointments from each legislative body shall include the chair of
12 the policy committee or committees most responsible for the
13 regulation of business, commerce, and occupational licensing.

14 C. The Task Force shall present its recommendations to the
15 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives prior to each legislative session.

17 D. The members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of
18 the appointing authority.

19 E. The Lieutenant Governor shall be the Chair of the Task
20 Force. The Vice Chair shall be selected by the Task Force from
21 among the members.

22 F. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the
23 Senate and the House of Representatives. Nothing in this section
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1 shall preclude the Task Force from requesting and utilizing the
2 assistance and expertise of nonmembers.

3 G. The Task Force shall set its own meeting schedule.

4 H. The members of the Task Force shall receive travel
5 reimbursements from their appointing authority as allowed by law.

6 I. The meetings of the Task Force shall be conducted according
7 to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

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