

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 26, 2015

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 258

By: Holt of the Senate

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

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SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be

codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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

1. Over a three-year period make recommendations to the 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 **or**
5 **rules** on small business, commerce, and occupational licensing that
6 do not directly and materially impact the physical safety of
7 Oklahomans.

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

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

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

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

23 F. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the
24 Senate and the House of Representatives. Nothing in this section

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.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE
9 February 26, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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