

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 1261

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to criminal justice reform; creating  
8 the Task Force on Oklahoma Criminal Justice Reform;  
9 providing expiration date; stating purpose; providing  
10 for appointments; specifying date by which  
11 appointments are made; providing for vacancies;  
12 providing for designation of co-chairs; specifying  
13 quorum; providing for meetings and staffing; stating  
14 that Task Force members shall receive no  
15 compensation; providing for reimbursement; requiring  
16 Task Force to comply with the Open Meeting Act and  
17 the Open Records Act; requiring examination of  
18 certain information; requiring report; providing for  
19 codification; providing an effective date; and  
20 declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 69 of Title 21, unless there is  
24 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 2018, the  
26 Advisory Task Force on Oklahoma Criminal Justice Reform. The  
27 purpose of the Task Force shall be to advise the legislature on:

1           1. The use of a defendant's risk and needs assessment during  
2 the courts presentencing deliberation and the impact of a potential  
3 sentence on the reduction of the defendant's potential behavior;

4           2. All supervision and treatment programs provided for  
5 offenders to utilize evidence-based practices to reduce the  
6 likelihood of future criminal behavior;

7           3. All state-funded supervision and treatment programs to  
8 measure and ensure reduction of criminal behavior;

9           4. Methods of cost savings and reinvestment of a portion of  
10 those savings into expanded treatment services and enhance probation  
11 and parole supervision efforts; and

12           5. Develop recommendations for reforms that:

- 13           a. best serve offenders with mental illness,
- 14           b. respect the civil liberties of offenders to be served,
- 15           c. address the potential for racial bias and health  
16           disparities in program implementation,
- 17           d. are based on evidence of the effectiveness,
- 18           e. include a data monitoring strategy,
- 19           f. promote programs that target specific goals for  
20           offenders,
- 21           g. address the potential for variance in program  
22           implementation among urban and rural jurisdictions,  
23           and

1           h.    assess the cost of the program to the Department of  
2                    Corrections.

3           B.    The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members to be  
4 appointed as follows:

5           1.    Four shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives as follows:

7           a.    one shall be a member of the majority party of the  
8                   House of Representatives with knowledge of criminal  
9                   justice issues,

10          b.    one shall be a member of the minority party of the  
11                   House of Representatives with knowledge of criminal  
12                   justice issues

13          c.    one shall be a representative of the social services  
14                   nonprofit community, and

15          d.    one shall be a member of the criminal justice  
16                   community;

17          2.    Four shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
18 Senate as follows:

19          a.    one shall be a member of the majority party of the  
20                   Senate with knowledge of criminal justice issues,

21          b.    one shall be a member of the minority party of the  
22                   Senate with knowledge of criminal justice issues,

23          c.    one shall be a representative of the criminal justice  
24                   community, and

1           d.    one shall be a member of the legal community; and

2           3.   Three shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

3           a.    one shall be the Director of the Department of  
4            Corrections, or a designee,

5           b.    one shall be an active County Sheriff, or a designee,  
6            and

7           c.    one shall be an active District Attorney, or a  
8            designee.

9           D.   Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by September 1,  
10          2016. Task Force members shall serve at the pleasure of their  
11          appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled  
12          by the original appointing authority.

13          E.   The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the  
14          House of Representatives shall each designate a co-chair from among  
15          the members of the Task Force. A majority of the members of the  
16          Task Force shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Senate and  
17          House of Representatives shall, at the discretion of the President  
18          Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
19          Representatives, provide staff support to the Task Force as  
20          necessary to assist in the performance of its duties.

21          F.   Members of the Task Force shall determine meeting dates.  
22          Members shall not be compensated for their service but may be  
23          reimbursed by their appointing authorities for necessary expenses  
24          incurred in the performance of their duties, as follows:

1 1. Legislative members may be reimbursed for their necessary  
2 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
3 accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
4 Oklahoma Statutes;

5 2. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees  
6 may be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary  
7 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
8 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement  
9 Act; and

10 3. Members who are not legislators or state officers or  
11 employees of the state may be reimbursed by their appointing  
12 authorities in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel  
13 Reimbursement Act.

14 G. The Task Force shall submit a report to the President Pro  
15 Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
16 September 1, 2017, describing assessment and recommendations  
17 provided by subsection A of this act.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

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

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