

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 342

 By: Holt and Sharp of the
 Senate

6 and

7 O'Donnell of the House

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10 An Act relating to criminal justice reform; creating
11 a task force to commission a statewide assessment and
12 analysis of the fines, fees and costs assessed
13 throughout the criminal justice process; providing
14 expiration date; setting duties; providing for
15 membership; providing for naming of chair; providing
16 for quorum; providing for frequency of meetings;
17 subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
18 providing that members receive no compensation or
19 travel reimbursement; providing for staff support;
20 requiring certain report; providing for
21 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
22 declaring an emergency.

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

24 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 until December 31, 2019, a task
 force to oversee an assessment and analysis of existing laws,

1 policies and practices relating to fines, fees and costs assessed on
2 persons interacting with the criminal justice process.

3 B. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
4 recommendations by November 30, 2019, to the Governor, the President
5 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, which shall include, but not be limited to:

7 1. The percentage of owed fees, fines and costs that are
8 actually paid;

9 2. How local and state governmental budgets are supported by
10 fees, fines and costs;

11 3. How fees, fines and costs contribute to jail and prison
12 populations; and

13 4. Recommendations for improvement to the existing system.

14 C. The task force shall be comprised of eleven (11) members to
15 be appointed as follows:

16 1. Three members appointed by the Governor as follows:

17 a. a member who is a representative of county government
18 in a county with a population over three hundred
19 thousand (300,000),

20 b. a member who is a representative of a Chamber of
21 Commerce, and

22 c. a member who is a mental health professional;

23 2. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
24 Senate as follows:

- a. a member who is a currently elected member of the Senate,
- b. a member who is a public defender, and
- c. a member who is a representative of county government in a county with a population of less than three hundred thousand (300,000);

3. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- a. a member who is a currently elected member of the House of Representatives,
- b. a member representing the District Attorneys Council, and
- c. a member representing the faith based community;

4. The Administrative Director of the Court; and

5. A district judge appointed by the Oklahoma Supreme Court Chief Justice.

The Chair of the task force shall be selected by the Governor.

D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, six (6) members shall constitute a quorum.

E. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order to perform the duties imposed upon it. The chair shall call the first meeting and all subsequent meetings shall be made at the call of the chair.

1 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
2 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3 G. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation
4 or travel reimbursement.

5 H. Staff support shall be provided by the Governor's office,
6 the Senate and the House of Representatives.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
14 04/04/2017 - DO PASS.

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