

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1353

By: Nichols

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to community policing standards; creating the Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force; providing termination date; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership; providing date for appointments and organizational meeting; providing for selection of officers; stating duties; requiring the Task Force to comply with certain acts; providing for meetings; providing staff assistance; requiring completion of the study by a certain date; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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, 2018, the "Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study community policing standards, laws, best practices and training programs regarding the use of deadly force in Oklahoma.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

1. The Governor, or a designee;

- 1        2. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 3        3. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
4 appointed by the minority leader of the Oklahoma House of  
5 Representatives;
- 6        4. One member of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the  
7 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 8        5. One member of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the  
9 minority leader of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 10       6. The Attorney General, or a designee;
- 11       7. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council,  
12 or a designee;
- 13       8. One member representing the law enforcement community who  
14 shall be a member of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association and who  
15 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
16 Representatives;
- 17       9. One member representing the law enforcement community who  
18 shall be a member of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police  
19 and who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
20 Oklahoma State Senate;
- 21       10. The Director of the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
22 and Training, or designee;
- 23       11. Two members representing a municipal law enforcement agency  
24 in a municipality that has a population of more than three hundred

1 thousand (300,000) to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
2 House of Representatives; and

3 12. Two members representing an office of a county sheriff in a  
4 county that has a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000) to  
5 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State  
6 Senate.

7 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by November 1,  
8 2017. The chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
9 House of Representatives on or before December 1, 2017. The vice-  
10 chair shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
11 Oklahoma State Senate on or before December 1, 2017. The Task Force  
12 shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than December 31,  
13 2017.

14 D. The Task Force shall:

15 1. Review laws, practices and training programs regarding the  
16 use of deadly force in Oklahoma;

17 2. Review current policies, practices and tools used by or  
18 otherwise available to law enforcement as an alternative to lethal  
19 uses of force, including electroshock weapons and other nonlethal  
20 weapons; and

21 3. Recommend best practices to reduce the number of violent  
22 interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the  
23 public.

1       The Task Force may review literature and reports on the use of  
2 deadly force and may consult with persons, organizations and  
3 entities with interest or experience in community policing  
4 including, but not limited to, state and local law enforcement  
5 agencies, local governments, professional associations, community  
6 organizations, advocacy groups and faith-based organizations.

7       E. The Task Force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting  
8 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

9       F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as  
10 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task  
11 Force by law. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for  
12 their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
13 duties as follows:

14       1. Members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for  
15 travel expenses in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement  
16 Act;

17       2. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with  
18 Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

19       3. All other members shall be reimbursed in accordance with the  
20 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

21       G. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the  
22 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

23       H. The Task Force shall complete its study not later than  
24 December 31, 2018.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2017.

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