

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2946

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to community policing standards;
8 creating the Oklahoma Community Policing Standards
9 Task Force; providing termination date; stating
10 purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership;
11 providing date for appointments and organizational
12 meeting; providing for selection of officers; stating
13 duties; directing Task Force to comply with Oklahoma
14 Open Meeting and Open Records Acts; providing for
15 meetings; providing reimbursement for travel
16 expenses; providing staff assistance; requiring
17 completion of study by date certain; providing for
18 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

22 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2022, the
23 "Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force". The purpose of
24 the Task Force shall be to conduct a study on community policing
standards, laws, best practices and training programs regarding the
use of deadly force in Oklahoma.

B. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall
consist of nine (9) members as follows:

1 1. The Governor, or a designee;

2 2. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
3 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

4 3. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the
5 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

6 4. The Attorney General, or a designee;

7 5. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council,
8 or a designee;

9 6. One member representing the law enforcement community who
10 shall be a member of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association and who
11 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
12 Representatives; and

13 7. One member representing the law enforcement community who
14 shall be a member of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police
15 and who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
16 Oklahoma State Senate.

17 C. Appointment to the Oklahoma Community Policing Standards
18 Task Force shall be made by November 1, 2020. The chair shall be
19 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives on
20 or before December 1, 2020. The vice-chair shall be appointed by
21 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate on or before
22 December 1, 2020. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational
23 meeting not later than December 31, 2020.

24 D. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall:

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

3 2. Review current policies, practices and tools used by or
4 otherwise available to law enforcement as an alternative to lethal
5 uses of force, including electroshock weapons and other nonlethal
6 weapons; and

7 3. Recommend best practices to reduce the number of violent
8 interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the
9 public.

10 The Task Force may review literature and reports on the use of
11 deadly force and may consult with persons, organizations and
12 entities with interest or experience in community policing
13 including, but not limited to, state and local law enforcement
14 agencies, local governments, professional associations, community
15 organizations, advocacy groups and faith-based organizations.

16 E. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall
17 be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open
18 Records Act.

19 F. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall
20 be authorized to meet at such times as may be required in order to
21 fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task Force by law. Members of
22 the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel
23 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as follows:
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1 1. Members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for
2 travel expenses in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement
3 Act;

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

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

8 G. Staff assistance for the Oklahoma Community Policing
9 Standards Task Force shall be provided by the Oklahoma House of
10 Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

11 H. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall
12 complete its study not later than December 31, 2022.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2020.

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