

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2532

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to criminal procedure; creating the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission; providing for membership; designating cochairs of the Commission; stating quorum of membership and meeting requirements; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring adherence to Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; stating duties of Commission; directing submission of report to Legislature; providing staff for the Commission; providing for codification; 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 to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1801 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created, until December 1, 2026, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission. The Commission shall be composed of the following thirteen (13) members:

1. The Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma or designee;
2. The Commissioner for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or designee;

1        3. The Director of the Department of Corrections or designee;

2        4. The Director of the Pardon and Parole Board or designee;

3        5. The President of the District Attorneys Council or designee;

4        6. The Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of  
5 the Courts or designee;

6        7. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or  
7 designee;

8        8. The Director of the Department of Human Services or  
9 designee;

10       9. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
11 Services or designee;

12       10. The Cabinet Secretary of Public Safety or designee;

13       11. The President of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association or  
14 designee;

15       12. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense  
16 System or designee; and

17       13. One member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma  
18 Supreme Court who is a licensed attorney with private or government  
19 criminal defense experience.

20       B. The Cabinet Secretary of Public Safety and the Attorney  
21 General for the State of Oklahoma shall serve as co-chairs of the  
22 Commission. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for  
23 the purpose of conducting the business of the Commission. The  
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1 Commission shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as  
2 may be called by the chairs.

3 C. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for  
4 serving on the Commission but shall receive travel reimbursement as  
5 follows:

6 1. State employees who are members of the Commission shall be  
7 reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance  
8 of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the  
9 State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

10 2. All other members of the Commission shall be reimbursed by  
11 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for necessary  
12 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
13 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 D. The meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the  
15 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

16 E. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Commission shall study,  
17 evaluate and make recommendations concerning the creation of  
18 diversion programs in this state including, but not limited to,  
19 alternative sentencing, supervision and treatment options for  
20 defendants who commit simple possession crimes. The Commission  
21 shall also study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding all  
22 criminal justice reform measures and legislation proposed or passed  
23 including, but not limited to, the felony reclassification system.

1 F. The Commission shall prepare a report of its findings and  
2 recommendations to be submitted to the Legislature no later than  
3 February 1, 2022, and each year thereafter by no later than the  
4 first day of February.

5 G. Staffing for the Commission shall be provided by the Office  
6 of the Oklahoma Attorney General.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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