

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2414

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; directing Task Force to comply with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and Open Records Act; providing for meetings; providing reimbursement for travel expenses; providing staff assistance; requiring completion of study by date certain; 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, 2024, the "Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force". The purpose of 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 seventeen (17) members as follows:

1 1. The Governor, or a designee;

2 2. Three members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, two
3 of which shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
4 Representatives and one member to be appointed by the minority
5 leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

6 3. Three members of the Oklahoma State Senate, two of which
7 shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma
8 State Senate and one member to be appointed by the minority leader
9 of Oklahoma State Senate;

10 4. The Attorney General, or a designee;

11 5. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council,
12 or a designee;

13 6. 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 7. 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; and

21 8. Six (6) members from impacted communities:

22 a. two of which shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
23 Oklahoma House of Representatives,
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- b. two of which shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate,
- c. one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and
- d. one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the Oklahoma State Senate.

C. Appointment to the Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall be made by November 1, 2021. The chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives on or before December 1, 2021. The vice-chair shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate on or before December 1, 2021. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than December 31, 2021.

D. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall:

1. Review laws, practices and training programs regarding the use of deadly force in Oklahoma;
2. Review current policies, practices and tools used by or otherwise available to law enforcement as an alternative to lethal uses of force, including electroshock weapons and other nonlethal weapons; and
3. Recommend best practices to reduce the number of violent interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the 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 Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall
8 be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open
9 Records Act.

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

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

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

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

22 G. Staff assistance for the Oklahoma Community Policing
23 Standards Task Force shall be provided by the Oklahoma House of
24 Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

1 H. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall
2 complete its study not later than December 31, 2024.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2021.

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