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HOUSE BILL NO. 2166

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An Act relating to motor carriers; creating the State Task Force on Motor Carrier Regulation and Enforcement; providing for membership in the Task Force; providing for quorum requirements; requiring monthly meetings; allowing meetings at call of the chair; disallowing compensation for members; allowing for travel reimbursement; directing Task Force to study, evaluate and make recommendations related to motor carriers; requiring certain agencies make records and employees available; requiring preparation and submission of report by certain date; providing for staffing; and declaring an emergency.

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 173.1 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created, until July 1, 2024, the State Task Force on Motor Carrier Regulation and Enforcement. The Task Force shall be composed of the following seven (7) members:

1        1. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or  
2 designee;

3        2. One member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission or  
4 designee;

5        3. The Cabinet Secretary of Public Safety or designee;

6        4. The Cabinet Secretary of Transportation or designee;

7        5. One member selected by the Governor, who shall serve as the  
8 chair of the Task Force;

9        6. One member designated by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
10 of Representatives who shall be a current member of the Oklahoma  
11 House of Representatives; and

12       7. One member designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
13 Oklahoma Senate who shall be a current member of the Oklahoma  
14 Senate.

15       B. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the  
16 purpose of conducting the business of the Task Force. The Task  
17 Force shall meet monthly and at such other times as may be called by  
18 the chair.

19       C. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
20 serving on the Task Force but shall receive travel reimbursement for  
21 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
22 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State  
23 Travel Reimbursement Act.

1 D. The State Task Force on Motor Carrier Regulation and  
2 Enforcement shall:

3 1. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the  
4 adequacy, scope, and effectiveness of regulatory, licensing, and  
5 permitting programs applicable to the motor carrier industry;

6 2. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding  
7 strategies to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of state law  
8 enforcement's regulation of public safety and enforcement of laws  
9 applicable to the motor carrier industry;

10 3. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the  
11 adequacy, scope, and effect of civil and criminal enforcement  
12 mechanisms of state laws governing the motor carrier industry;

13 4. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding  
14 combining within a state agency any motor carrier regulatory  
15 programs or law enforcement functions; and

16 5. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding any  
17 other matters determined by the Task Force to be relevant to the  
18 purpose of this act.

19 E. The Corporation Commission, the Department of Public Safety,  
20 and the Department of Transportation shall make all information and  
21 records available to the Task Force as the Task Force may require.  
22 These agencies shall also make their employees available to the Task  
23 Force for the Task Force to interview and gather information.

1 F. On or before December 1, 2023, the Task Force shall prepare  
2 a report of its findings and recommendations to be submitted to the  
3 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the  
4 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate, and the Chair of the  
5 Public Safety and Transportation Committees in both the Oklahoma  
6 House of Representatives and the Oklahoma Senate, and the minority  
7 leaders of both the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the  
8 Oklahoma Senate.

9 G. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the  
10 Oklahoma House of Representatives.

11 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
12 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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