

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2166

By: Lowe (Dick) of the House

and

**Weaver** of the Senate

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10                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

24           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:

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

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

6       2. One member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission or  
7 designee;

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

9       4. The Cabinet Secretary of Transportation or designee;

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

12      6. One member designated by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
13 of Representatives who shall be a current member of the Oklahoma  
14 House of Representatives; and

15      7. One member designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
16 Oklahoma Senate who shall be a current member of the Oklahoma  
17 Senate.

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

22      C. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for  
23 serving on the Task Force but shall receive travel reimbursement for  
24 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their

1 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State  
2 Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 D. The State Task Force on Motor Carrier Regulation and  
4 Enforcement shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 G. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the  
12 Oklahoma House of Representatives.

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated  
19 02/14/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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