

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 674

6 By: Treat

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to crime and punishment; creating the  
9 Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force; providing  
10 sunset date; providing purpose; providing for  
11 membership; stating quorum; allowing election of  
12 chairperson and vice chairperson; requiring  
13 appointments and first meeting within certain  
14 timeframe; disallowing compensation; providing staff;  
15 authorizing certain consultations; requiring certain  
16 report; providing report requirements; providing for  
17 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2200 of Title 21, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime  
23 Task Force until December 31, 2024. The purpose of the task force  
24 shall be to provide the Legislature and the Governor with  
information on organized retail crime and the advantages and  
drawbacks of instituting various countermeasures to counter losses  
from retail theft in the state.

1 B. The task force shall consist of thirteen (13) members as  
2 follows:

3 1. Three members, appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
4 be an individual who represents state or local law enforcement;

5 2. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
6 Senate;

7 3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives;

9 4. One member appointed by the District Attorneys Council;

10 5. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Retail Merchants  
11 Association;

12 6. One member appointed by the State Chamber;

13 7. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association;

14 8. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs  
15 of Police; and

16 9. One member appointed by the Attorney General.

17 C. Quorum for official business of the task force shall be  
18 seven members. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be  
19 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task force.

20 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made by the  
21 appointing authority no later than sixty (60) days after the  
22 effective date of this act. Appointed members shall, to the  
23 greatest extent practicable, have by education or experience,  
24 knowledge of organized retail theft. The chair shall hold the first

1 meeting of the task force no later than ninety (90) days after the  
2 effective date of this act. Any vacancies in the membership of the  
3 task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the  
4 initial appointment.

5 E. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation  
6 but shall receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses  
7 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the  
8 State Travel Reimbursement Act. The task force shall be staffed by  
9 the Senate.

10 F. The task force may consult with any organization, government  
11 entity, or person in the development of its report required pursuant  
12 to the provisions of subsection G of this section.

13 G. On or before December 15, 2024, the task force shall  
14 electronically submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of  
15 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
16 chairs of the House and Senate committees that oversee public  
17 safety, a report containing, but not limited to, the following  
18 information based on available data:

19 1. A review of laws and regulations on organized retail crime  
20 used by other states, the federal government, and foreign countries  
21 to regulate the marketplace;

22 2. The use of organized retail theft's impact on state and  
23 local tax receipts;

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1           3. The need for interagency coordination of public education  
2 and outreach and prevention programs for business owners; and

3           4. Legislative and regulatory recommendations, if any, to  
4 increase transparency and security, enhance consumer protections,  
5 prevent organized retail theft, and to address the long-term  
6 economic impact related to the prevalence of organized retail crime.

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

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