

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1462

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2023, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 2200), which relates to the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force; extending sunset date; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 2023, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 2200), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2200. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until ~~June 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2036, the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force. The purpose of the task force 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.

B. The task force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as follows:

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

3 2. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 ~~Oklahoma State~~ Senate;

5 3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the ~~Oklahoma~~ House
6 of Representatives;

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

8 5. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Retail Merchants
9 Association;

10 6. One member appointed by the State Chamber;

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

12 8. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs
13 of Police;

14 9. One member appointed by the Attorney General;

15 10. One member ~~from~~ appointed by the Convenience Distributors
16 of Oklahoma; and

17 11. One member ~~from~~ appointed by the Oklahoma Grocers
18 Association.

19 C. Quorum for official business of the task force shall be
20 eight members. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be
21 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task force.

22 D. Members who were serving on the task force as of December
23 31, 2024, shall automatically be on the Oklahoma Organized Retail
24 Crime Task Force. Appointed members shall, to the greatest extent

1 practicable, have by education or experience⁷ knowledge of organized
2 retail theft. The ~~chair~~ chairperson shall hold the first meeting of
3 the task force no later than ninety (90) days after June 6, 2023.

4 Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in
5 the same manner provided for in the initial appointment.

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

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

14 G. On or before December 31, 2025, the task force shall
15 electronically submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of
16 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
17 chairs of the House and Senate committees that oversee public
18 safety, a report containing, but not limited to, the following
19 information based on available data:

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

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

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 H. The Office of the Attorney General may employ, either
8 directly or through memorandums of understanding or cross-
9 deputization agreements, persons to serve as Oklahoma Organized
10 Retail Crime Task Force officers whose primary responsibility shall
11 be to prevent, respond to, investigate, and prosecute criminal
12 violations related to organized retail crime.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

14 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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