

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1570

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to child welfare; creating the Child Welfare Task Force; specifying duties; requiring submission of certain report; stipulating membership; providing for selection of chair and creation of committees; specifying requirements for meetings and quorum; prohibiting certain compensation; providing for staffing and information sharing; providing for codification; 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 to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-10-104 of Title 10A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created, until November 1, 2027, the Child Welfare Task Force. The task force shall study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding policies, programs, and proposed legislation that will:

1. Further reduce the time to permanency in the foster care system;

2. Further reduce the amount of reentries to foster care after discharge to permanency;

1 3. Identify risk factors that lead to the removal of children
2 from their biological parents' home; and

3 4. Identify and propose areas of support for biological
4 parents.

5 B. The task force shall electronically submit to the Governor,
6 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, a report on or before November 1, 2027,
8 detailing its findings and recommendations.

9 C. The task force shall be composed of nine (9) members as
10 follows:

11 1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives or designee;

12 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or designee;

13 3. Two designees of the Director of Human Services; and

14 4. Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:

15 a. two members of the state court system,

16 b. one representative of an organization involved in the
17 foster care system,

18 c. one representative of a nonprofit or faith-based
19 organization, and

20 d. one person with experience advocating for biological
21 families.

22 D. The Governor shall select, from the appointed members, a
23 chair of the task force who shall have the authority to create
24 committees and name committee chairs to facilitate the work of the
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1 task force and shall have the authority to appoint task force
2 members and non-members to serve on committees.

3 E. The task force shall meet as often as deemed necessary by
4 the chair allowing for timely completion of its work. A majority of
5 the members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting
6 the business of the task force.

7 F. Members, including those appointed to committees who are not
8 members of the task force, shall serve without compensation.

9 G. The Department of Human Services shall provide staff and
10 administrative support for the task force. All officers, agencies,
11 and employees of the state shall cooperate with the task force,
12 including providing any information, data, records, and reports as
13 may be requested.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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