

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 342

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to criminal justice reform; creating
8 a task force to commission a statewide assessment and
9 analysis of the fines, fees and costs assessed
10 throughout the criminal justice process; providing
11 expiration date; setting duties; providing for
12 membership; providing for naming of chair; providing
13 for quorum; providing for frequency of meetings;
14 subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
15 providing that members receive no compensation or
16 travel reimbursement; providing for staff support;
17 requiring certain report; providing for
18 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
19 declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2019, a task
force to oversee an assessment and analysis of existing laws,
policies and practices relating to fines, fees and costs assessed on
persons interacting with the criminal justice process.

B. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
recommendations by November 30, 2019, to the Governor, the President

1 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives, which shall include, but not be limited to:

3 1. The percentage of owed fees, fines and costs that are
4 actually paid;

5 2. How local and state governmental budgets are supported by
6 fees, fines and costs;

7 3. How fees, fines and costs contribute to jail and prison
8 populations; and

9 4. Recommendations for improvement to the existing system.

10 C. The task force shall be comprised of thirteen (13) members
11 to be appointed as follows:

12 1. Three members appointed by the Governor as follows:

13 a. a member who is a representative of county government
14 in a county with a population over three hundred
15 thousand (300,000),

16 b. a member who is a representative of a Chamber of
17 Commerce, and

18 c. a member who is a mental health professional;

19 2. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
20 Senate as follows:

21 a. a member who is a currently elected member of the
22 Senate,

23 b. a member who is a public defender, and
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1 c. a member who is a representative of county government
2 in a county with a population of less than three
3 hundred thousand (300,000);

4 3. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives as follows:

6 a. a member who is a currently elected member of the
7 House of Representatives,

8 b. a member representing the District Attorneys Council,
9 and

10 c. a member representing the faith based community;

11 4. The Administrative Director of the Court; and

12 5. A district judge appointed by the Oklahoma Supreme Court
13 Chief Justice.

14 The Chair of the task force shall be selected by the Governor.

15 D. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
16 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, six
17 (6) members shall constitute a quorum.

18 E. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
19 to perform the duties imposed upon it. The chair shall call the
20 first meeting and all subsequent meetings shall be made at the call
21 of the chair.

22 F. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
23 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

1 G. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation
2 or travel reimbursement.

3 H. Staff support shall be provided by the Governor's office,
4 the Senate and the House of Representatives.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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

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