

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

4 HOUSE BILL 2946

                                  By: Nichols

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7                                   AS INTRODUCED

8                   An Act relating to community policing standards;  
9                   creating the Oklahoma Community Policing Standards  
10                  Task Force; providing termination date; stating  
11                  purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership;  
12                  providing date for appointments and organizational  
13                  meeting; providing for selection of officers; stating  
14                  duties; directing Task Force to comply with Oklahoma  
15                  Open Meeting and Open Records Acts; providing for  
16                  meetings; providing reimbursement for travel  
17                  expenses; providing staff assistance; requiring  
18                  completion of study by date certain; providing for  
19                  noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

23                  A.   There is hereby created until December 31, 2022, the  
24                  "Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force".   The purpose of  
                  the Task Force shall be to conduct a study on community policing  
                  standards, laws, best practices and training programs regarding the  
                  use of deadly force in Oklahoma.

1 B. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall  
2 consist of nine (9) members as follows:

- 3 1. The Governor, or a designee;
- 4 2. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,  
5 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 6 3. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the  
7 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
- 8 4. The Attorney General, or a designee;
- 9 5. The Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council,  
10 or a designee;
- 11 6. One member representing the law enforcement community who  
12 shall be a member of the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association and who  
13 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
14 Representatives; and
- 15 7. One member representing the law enforcement community who  
16 shall be a member of the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police  
17 and who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
18 Oklahoma State Senate.

19 C. Appointment to the Oklahoma Community Policing Standards  
20 Task Force shall be made by November 1, 2020. The chair shall be  
21 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives on  
22 or before December 1, 2020. The vice-chair shall be appointed by  
23 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate on or before  
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1 December 1, 2020. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational  
2 meeting not later than December 31, 2020.

3 D. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall:

4 1. Review laws, practices and training programs regarding the  
5 use of deadly force in Oklahoma;

6 2. Review current policies, practices and tools used by or  
7 otherwise available to law enforcement as an alternative to lethal  
8 uses of force, including electroshock weapons and other nonlethal  
9 weapons; and

10 3. Recommend best practices to reduce the number of violent  
11 interactions between law enforcement officers and members of the  
12 public.

13 The Task Force may review literature and reports on the use of  
14 deadly force and may consult with persons, organizations and  
15 entities with interest or experience in community policing  
16 including, but not limited to, state and local law enforcement  
17 agencies, local governments, professional associations, community  
18 organizations, advocacy groups and faith-based organizations.

19 E. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall  
20 be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open  
21 Records Act.

22 F. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall  
23 be authorized to meet at such times as may be required in order to  
24 fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task Force by law. Members of

1 the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel  
2 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as follows:

3 1. Members who are state employees shall be reimbursed for  
4 travel expenses in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement  
5 Act;

6 2. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with  
7 Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

8 3. All other members shall be reimbursed in accordance with the  
9 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

10 G. Staff assistance for the Oklahoma Community Policing  
11 Standards Task Force shall be provided by the Oklahoma House of  
12 Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

13 H. The Oklahoma Community Policing Standards Task Force shall  
14 complete its study not later than December 31, 2022.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2020.

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/20/2020 -  
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