

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 248

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to reintegration; creating a task
8 force to study the consideration of creating a tax
9 incentive for individuals and businesses that hire
10 ex-offenders once they are released from prison;
11 providing expiration date; setting duties; providing
12 for membership; providing for naming of chair;
13 providing for quorum; providing for frequency of
14 meetings; subjecting meetings to the Oklahoma Open
15 Meeting Act; providing that members receive no
16 compensation or travel reimbursement; providing for
17 staff support; providing for noncodification; and
18 providing an effective date.

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

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

22 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2018, a task
23 force to research the consideration of creating a tax incentive for
24 individuals and businesses that hire ex-offenders once they are
released from the Oklahoma prison system.

B. The task force shall be comprised of nine (9) members to be
appointed as follows:

1. Two members appointed by the Governor;

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

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

5 4. A member representing the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

6 5. A member representing the faith based community of this
7 state; and

8 6. A member representing the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board.

9 The chair of the task force shall be selected by the Governor.

10 C. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any
11 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, five
12 (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

13 D. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
14 to perform the duties imposed upon it. The chair shall call the
15 first meeting and all subsequent meetings shall be made at the call
16 of the chair.

17 E. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
18 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

19 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or
20 travel reimbursement.

21 G. Staff support shall be provided by the Senate.

22 H. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
23 recommendations by December 15, 2018, to the Governor, the President
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1 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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