

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 16, 2017

3 SENATE BILL NO. 342

By: Holt

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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.

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, 2019, a task  
24 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.

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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.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
11 February 16, 2017 - DO PASS  
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