

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 342

By: Holt, Sharp and Pittman of
the Senate

and

O'Donnell and Young of the
House

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

SUBJECT: Task force on criminal justice process

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

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

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

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

4. Recommendations for improvement to the existing system.

C. The task force shall be comprised of twelve (12) members to be appointed as follows:

1. Four members appointed by the Governor as follows:

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

b. a member who is a representative of a Chamber of Commerce,

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

d. a member representing law enforcement or the Department of Corrections;

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

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

b. a member who is a public defender, and

- c. a member who is a representative of county government in a county with a population of less than three hundred thousand (300,000);

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

- a. a member who is a currently elected member of the House of Representatives,
- b. a member representing the District Attorneys Council, and
- c. a member representing an organized group advocating for victims of crime;

4. The Administrative Director of the Court; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 19th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____

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