

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 1602

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8 An Act relating to law enforcement unification;  
9 creating the Law Enforcement Unification Commission;  
10 providing for membership; designating cochairs of the  
11 Commission; stating quorum of membership and meeting  
12 requirements; providing for travel reimbursement;  
13 requiring adherence to Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;  
14 stating duties of Commission; directing submission of  
15 report to Legislature; providing staff for the  
16 Commission; providing for codification; and providing  
17 an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9100 of Title 74, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created, until December 1, 2021, the Law  
23 Enforcement Unification Commission. The Commission shall be  
24 composed of the following thirteen (13) members:

1. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or  
designee;

1           2. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
2 or designee;

3           3. The Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and  
4 Dangerous Drugs or designee;

5           4. The Executive Director of the Council on Law Enforcement  
6 Education and Training or designee;

7           5. The State Fire Marshal or designee;

8           6. The Director of the ABLE Commission or designee;

9           7. The Cabinet Secretary of Public Safety or designee;

10          8. The Chief of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol or designee;

11          9. The Attorney General or designee;

12          10. Two members designated by the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives; and

14          11. Two members designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
15 Senate.

16          B. The Cabinet Secretary for Public Safety shall serve as chair  
17 of the Commission. A majority of the members shall constitute a  
18 quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Commission.  
19 The Commission shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times  
20 as may be called by the chair.

21          C. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for  
22 serving on the Commission but shall receive travel reimbursement as  
23 follows:  
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1           1. State employees who are members of the Commission shall be  
2 reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance  
3 of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the  
4 State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

5           2. All other members of the Commission shall be reimbursed by  
6 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for necessary  
7 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
8 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

9           D. The meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the  
10 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

11           E. The Law Enforcement Unification Commission shall study,  
12 evaluate and make recommendations concerning the unification of  
13 public safety agencies within this state. The Commission shall also  
14 study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding plans to  
15 standardize and integrate data collections, data systems and  
16 operational boundaries for a unified public safety agency. The  
17 Commission shall also study, evaluate and make recommendations  
18 regarding development of a focused, common training and leadership  
19 development program for all members of a unified public safety  
20 agency.

21           F. The Commission shall prepare a report of its findings and  
22 recommendations to be submitted to the Legislature no later than  
23 February 1, 2021, and each year thereafter by no later than the  
24 first day of February.

1 G. Staffing for the Commission shall be provided by the Office  
2 of Management and Enterprise Services.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.  
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