

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 371

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to law enforcement unification;
9 creating the Unified State Law Enforcement
10 Commission; providing for membership; designating
11 selection of the chair of the Commission; stating
12 quorum of membership and meeting requirements;
13 providing for travel reimbursement; stating
14 objectives of Commission; directing submission of
15 report to Legislature; providing staff for the
16 Commission; providing for codification; and declaring
17 an emergency.

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, 2022, the Unified
23 State Law Enforcement Commission. The Commission shall be composed
24 of the following eight (8) 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 Control or designee;

5 4. The Cabinet Secretary of Public Safety or designee;

6 5. The Oklahoma Attorney General or designee;

7 6. One member selected by the Governor, who shall serve as the
8 chair of the Commission;

9 7. One member designated by the President Pro Tempore of the
10 State Senate who shall be a current member of the Senate; and

11 8. One member designated by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives who shall be a current member of the House of
13 Representatives.

14 B. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the
15 purpose of conducting the business of the Commission. The
16 Commission shall meet monthly and at such other times as may be
17 called by the chair.

18 C. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for
19 serving on the Commission but shall receive travel reimbursement for
20 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
21 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
22 Travel Reimbursement Act.

23 D. The Unified State Law Enforcement Commission shall:
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1 1. Study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding
2 unification of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the
3 Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, and the
4 Department of Public Safety;

5 2. Study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding a
6 recruitment, training and leadership development program for members
7 of a unified state law enforcement agency that will enhance the
8 efforts of the state to recruit, lead and retain highly qualified
9 state law enforcement officers;

10 3. Study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding how best
11 to ensure accountability within a unified state law enforcement
12 agency and to address public corruption; and

13 4. Study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding any other
14 matters determined by the Commission to be relevant to the purpose
15 of this act.

16 E. The Commission shall prepare a report of its findings and
17 recommendations to be submitted to the Governor, President Pro
18 Tempore of the State Senate, the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives and the Chair of the Public Safety Committees in
20 both the State Senate and the House of Representatives, and the
21 minority leaders of both the State Senate and the House of
22 Representatives no later than December 1, 2021.

23 F. Staffing for the Commission shall be provided by the State
24 Senate.

1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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