

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 371

By: David of the Senate

3 and

4 O'Donnell of the House

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

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

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

20 A. There is hereby created, until December 1, 2022, the Unified
21 State Law Enforcement Commission. The Commission shall be composed
22 of the following eight (8) members:

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

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

1 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and
2 Dangerous Drugs Control or designee;

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

4 5. The Oklahoma Attorney General or designee;

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

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

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

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

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

21 D. The Unified State Law Enforcement Commission shall:

22 1. Study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding
23 unification of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the
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1 Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, and the
2 Department of Public Safety;

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

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

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

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

21 F. Staffing for the Commission shall be provided by the State
22 Senate.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
8 2021.

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