1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	HOUSE BILL 1036 By: Rosecrants and <b>Pae</b> of the House
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6	and
7	Kidd of the Senate
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9	AS INTRODUCED
10	An Act relating to veterans; creating the Veteran
11	Suicide Prevention Task Force; setting end date for task force; providing for task force membership;
12	specifying deadline for task force appointments; providing for certain coordination in appointing task
13	force members; establishing deadline for task force organizational meeting; providing for selection of
14	chair and vice chair; providing for task force duties; setting quorum requirement; subjecting task
15	force to Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; prohibiting compensation and reimbursement for task force
16	members; providing for staffing and administrative support of task force; directing submission of a
17	report of findings and recommendations; providing for noncodification.
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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 November 30, 2024, the Veteran
24	Suicide Prevention Task Force to study and make recommendations

regarding the causes and prevention of suicides among veterans in
 the state.

3 B. The task force shall be comprised of nine (9) members to be 4 appointed as follows:

5 1. One member who is a veteran appointed by the Oklahoma6 Veterans Commission;

7 2. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of8 Representatives;

9 3. One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
10 Representatives;

4. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
 Senate;

13 5. One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
14 6. One member who is a veteran appointed by the Commissioner of
15 the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
16 Services;

17 7. One member employed by the Oklahoma State Department of18 Health appointed by the Commissioner of Health;

8. One member employed by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
 Affairs appointed by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma
 Department of Veterans Affairs; and

9. One member who is a veteran appointed by the Governor.
C. Appointments to the task force shall be made within sixty
(60) days after the effective date of this act. The appointing

authorities shall coordinate their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas are reflective of the makeup of this state. To the extent practicable, the appointing authorities shall appoint a veteran to serve on the task force.

5 D. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting not 6 later than November 1, 2023. A chair and vice chair shall be 7 selected to serve by the membership of the task force at the 8 organizational meeting. The task force may meet as often as may be 9 required to perform the duties imposed upon it.

E. The task force shall organize and prioritize its objectives. The task force may coordinate, communicate, and collaborate with state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, public and private health care entities, and state educational institutions regarding issues associated with veteran suicide.

15 F. A quorum of the task force shall be required to approve any 16 final action of the task force. For purposes of this section, five 17 (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

18 G. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the19 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

20 H. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation or 21 travel reimbursement.

I. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs and the House of Representatives shall provide staff and administrative support for the task force.

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1	J. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
2	recommendations no later than November 30, 2024, to the Speaker of
3	the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
4	and Governor.
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6	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
7	dated 02/08/2023 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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