

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 17, 2024

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB1407

By: Thompson, R., Floyd et al of the Senate and George of the House


Title: Department of Public Safety; creating Oklahoma child abduction response teams. Effective date. Emergency.

\_\_\_\_\_ together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House recede from all Amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:


  
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HOUSE CONFEREES:

Conference Committee on GCCA

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1407

By: Thompson (Roger) and Floyd  
of the Senate

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and

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8 stating legislative findings; authorizing creation of  
9 Oklahoma child abduction response teams; defining  
10 terms; establishing multi-agency elements; requiring  
11 certain deposits to the Department of Public Safety  
12 Restricted Revolving Fund; giving certain  
13 authorizations to Commissioner of Public Safety;  
14 authorizing Commissioner to establish certain  
15 policies; establishing elements of committee  
16 membership; establishing certain requirements of  
17 response plans; requiring certain notice; authorizing  
18 use of automated license plate readers; mandating  
19 certain training; making an appropriation; providing  
20 for noncodification; providing for codification;  
21 providing an effective date; and declaring an  
22 emergency.

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19 AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthor: Burns

20 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill  
21 and insert:

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23 "[ Department of Public Safety - legislative findings

24 - Oklahoma child abduction response teams - terms -

1 multi-agency elements - Department of Public Safety  
2 Restricted Revolving Fund - Commissioner of Public  
3 Safety - policies - committee membership - response  
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10 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
12 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

13 It is the finding of the Legislature that abduction is a serious  
14 threat to the health and safety of minors in this state. The  
15 immediate notification and response to a child abduction greatly  
16 increases the chances of a positive outcome. Oklahoma child  
17 abduction response teams (OCARTs) are being created to facilitate  
18 efficient, effective, and coordinated law enforcement and social  
19 services responses to child abductions.

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-140a of Title 47, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:  
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1 A. The Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to  
2 create and administer Oklahoma child abduction response teams  
3 (OCARTs) for the purposes of mitigating child endangerment.

4 B. For purposes of this section:

5 1. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of  
6 Public Safety;

7 2. "Custodial child abduction" means the abduction of a child  
8 under the age of eighteen (18) by a custodial parent where a  
9 reasonable and articulable suspicion exists that the child is in  
10 imminent danger;

11 3. "Missing child" means a child under the age of eighteen (18)  
12 who is unaccounted for where a reasonable and articulable suspicion  
13 exists that the child is in imminent danger;

14 4. "Non-custodial child abduction" means the abduction of a  
15 child under the age of eighteen (18) by the non-custodial parent;  
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17 5. "Verified child abduction" means the confirmation of a  
18 reasonable suspicion that a missing child or the victim of a  
19 custodial child abduction or non-custodial child abduction is in  
20 imminent danger.

21 C. 1. a. The Commissioner shall create a network of Oklahoma  
22 child abduction response teams in cooperation with  
23 federal, state, tribal, county, and municipal law  
24 enforcement agencies, and the appropriate social

1 services agencies. The Commissioner is authorized to  
2 enter into agreements with any governmental agency,  
3 private person or entity, or not-for-profit  
4 organization to effectuate the purposes of this act.

5 b. Each member agency of an OCART committee is  
6 responsible for its own acts or omissions under The  
7 Governmental Tort Claims Act, or otherwise under state  
8 or federal law.

9 c. When activated pursuant to this section, member  
10 agencies are exempt from the Oklahoma Central  
11 Purchasing Act.

12 2. The Commissioner is authorized to accept contributions,  
13 donations, and gifts in support of OCART programs. All monies  
14 received by the Commissioner pursuant to this subsection shall be  
15 deposited to the credit of the Department of Public Safety  
16 Restricted Revolving Fund and shall be expended by the Department  
17 solely for the purposes of the operation of OCART programs. All  
18 other property received by the Commissioner or designee pursuant to  
19 this subsection shall be held by the Department in trust under the  
20 terms and conditions imposed by the donors and the title to any and  
21 all property acquired, granted, or donated to the Department shall  
22 be taken in the name of the state to be held for the use and benefit  
23 of education programs of the Department under the conditions of the  
24 grants or donations.

1           3. The Commissioner is authorized to establish policies and  
2 procedures and promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this  
3 act.

4           D. 1. The Commissioner is authorized to employ an OCART  
5 coordinator to assist in administering the provisions of this act.  
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7 the purposes of this act. The number, location, and boundaries of  
8 the regions are to be determined by the Commissioner. The members  
9 of each Oklahoma child abduction response team shall be peace  
10 officers, communications personnel, administrative personnel,  
11 support personnel, and multidisciplinary professionals reasonably  
12 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

13           2. The OCART committee shall consist of:

- 14           a. the OCART coordinator who shall act as chairperson,
- 15           b. one representative of the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
16           Investigation,
- 17           c. one representative who is an active elected sheriff  
18           from the applicable region or a designee,
- 19           d. one representative who is an active chief of police  
20           from the applicable region or a designee,
- 21           e. one representative from the Department of Mental  
22           Health and Substance Abuse Services,
- 23           f. one elected district attorney from the applicable  
24           region or a designee,

- 1           g.    one representative from the Oklahoma Counter Terrorism
- 2                    Intelligence Center (OCTIC),
- 3           h.    one representative from the Oklahoma State Bureau of
- 4                    Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control,
- 5           i.    one representative from the U.S. Marshals Service from
- 6                    the applicable region, and
- 7           j.    any other individuals deemed necessary by the
- 8                    Commissioner or coordinator.

9           3.    In conjunction with the OCART coordinator, each OCART  
10 committee shall develop a plan for mounting a coordinated response  
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12 limited to, an outline of the procedure for verification of a child  
13 abduction, a notification of a child abduction, outreach to local  
14 law enforcement agencies, and member agency responsibilities in the  
15 event of a verified child abduction.

16           E.    Within four (4) hours of receiving a report of verified  
17 child abduction, the law enforcement agency receiving the report  
18 shall notify the Oklahoma Counter Terrorism Intelligence Center.

19           F.    Law enforcement agencies of this state are hereby authorized  
20 to utilize the automated license plate readers (ALPRs) in carrying  
21 out a coordinated response to a verified child abduction.

22           G.    Each law enforcement member of an OCART committee shall  
23 receive initial training and annual refresher training as determined  
24 by the Commissioner.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

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

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
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11 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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7 SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of  
8 Public Safety for the purposes of the program established in Section  
9 2 of this act from any monies not already appropriated from the  
10 General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year  
11 ending June 30, 2025, the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars  
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1 Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2024.

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