

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2982

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to marriage; creating the Child
8 Marriage Task Force; providing for membership;
9 requiring organizational meeting; providing for
10 quorum; providing for cochairs; requiring and
11 defining scope of study; providing for staff
12 assistance; providing that members will serve without
13 compensation or reimbursement; requiring final
14 report; providing for termination of Task Force;
15 providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 21 of Title 43, unless there is
20 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created the Child Marriage Task Force.

22 B. The Task Force shall consist of twelve (12) members to be
23 appointed or selected as follows:

24 1. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives who are
members of the Children, Youth and Family Services Committee, one of
whom is a member of the majority party and one of whom is a member

1 of the minority party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
2 of Representatives;

3 2. Two members of the State Senate who are members of the
4 Health and Human Services Committee, one of whom is a member of the
5 majority party and one of whom is a member of the minority party, to
6 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7 3. The Director of the Department of Human Services or his or
8 her designee;

9 4. The Chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women
10 or his or her designee;

11 5. The Chair of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
12 or his or her designee; and

13 6. Five individuals who shall submit applications to be
14 reviewed and selected by the Children, Youth and Family Services
15 Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and who shall
16 possess demonstrated expertise in the following professions,
17 respectively:

- 18 a. domestic violence,
- 19 b. child welfare,
- 20 c. child development,
- 21 d. family law, and
- 22 e. law enforcement.

23 C. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not
24 later than December 31, 2020. A majority of the members present at

1 the organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting shall
2 constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action taken including
3 the preparation and approval of the final report required by
4 subsection H of this section.

5 D. The cochairs of the Task Force shall be the member appointed
6 by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
7 member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

8 E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in
9 order to perform the duties imposed upon it.

10 F. The Task Force shall conduct a study regarding child
11 marriage.

12 The study shall include, but not be limited to:

13 1. Statistics regarding the current number of child marriages
14 that occur annually in Oklahoma;

15 2. Laws governing child marriage in Oklahoma;

16 3. The short- and long-term impact of child marriage on
17 children who marry; and

18 4. Other such matters as the Task Force deems relevant.

19 G. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
20 staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate.

21 H. The members of the Task Force shall serve without
22 compensation and without travel reimbursement.

23 I. The Task Force shall produce a final written report of its
24 findings and any recommendations regarding child marriage in

1 Oklahoma. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the
2 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President
3 Pro Tempore of the State Senate not later than December 31, 2021.

4 J. The provisions of this section shall cease to have the force
5 and effect of law and the Task Force shall terminate effective
6 January 1, 2022.

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

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