

Children of Incarcerates Parents Task Force—HB1197

Purpose:

There is hereby created the Children of Incarcerated Parents Task Force to recommend to the Legislature and other policymakers measures that promote the safety and well-being of children whose parents are incarcerated.

Membership:

The task force shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members as follows:

1. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or designee;
2. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, or designee;
3. The State Commissioner of Health, or designee;
4. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or designee;
5. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or designee;
6. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee;
7. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, or designee;
8. The Executive Director of the District Attorneys Council, or designee;
9. A judge with experience in both criminal and juvenile proceedings to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
10. A representative of an association of sheriffs or police chiefs in the state to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
11. A representative of a program in the eastern part of the state that provides girls an opportunity to visit their incarcerated mothers and to participate in mother-daughter meetings to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
12. A member of the State Post Adjudication Review Board to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
13. A representative of the Department of Commerce to be appointed by the Governor;
14. A representative from the University of Oklahoma with expertise in the area of incarcerated individuals and their children to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
15. A representative from Oklahoma State University with expertise in the area of incarcerated individuals and their children to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
16. A representative of a community planning agency from the northeast quadrant of the state to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
17. A representative of the faith community to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
18. A mother who was incarcerated at a time when she had a young child to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
19. A parent who has been incarcerated to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
20. A representative of an Indian tribe to be appointed by the Governor; and
21. A representative of the Governor's office to be appointed by the Governor.

Staffing/Support:

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth