

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 674

By: Treat of the Senate

and

McCall of the House

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                   An Act relating to crime and punishment; creating the  
12                   Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime Task Force; providing  
13                   sunset date; providing purpose; providing for  
14                   membership; stating quorum; allowing election of  
15                   chairperson and vice chairperson; requiring  
16                   appointments and first meeting within certain  
17                   timeframe; disallowing compensation; providing staff;  
18                   authorizing certain consultations; requiring certain  
19                   report; providing report requirements; providing for  
20                   codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

22                   SECTION 1.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
23                   in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2200 of Title 21, unless there  
24                   is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

                  A.   There is hereby created the Oklahoma Organized Retail Crime  
Task Force until December 31, 2024.   The purpose of the task force

1 shall be to provide the Legislature and the Governor with  
2 information on organized retail crime and the advantages and  
3 drawbacks of instituting various countermeasures to counter losses  
4 from retail theft in the state.

5 B. The task force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as  
6 follows:

7 1. Three members, appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
8 be an individual who represents state or local law enforcement;

9 2. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
10 Senate;

11 3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives;

13 4. One member appointed by the District Attorneys Council;

14 5. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Retail Merchants  
15 Association;

16 6. One member appointed by the State Chamber;

17 7. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association;

18 8. One member appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs  
19 of Police;

20 9. One member appointed by the Attorney General;

21 10. One member from the Convenience Distributors of Oklahoma;  
22 and

23 11. One member from the Oklahoma Grocers Association.  
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1 C. Quorum for official business of the task force shall be  
2 eight members. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be  
3 elected by a majority vote of the members of the task force.

4 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made by the  
5 appointing authority no later than sixty (60) days after the  
6 effective date of this act. Appointed members shall, to the  
7 greatest extent practicable, have by education or experience,  
8 knowledge of organized retail theft. The chair shall hold the first  
9 meeting of the task force no later than ninety (90) days after the  
10 effective date of this act. Any vacancies in the membership of the  
11 task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the  
12 initial appointment.

13 E. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation  
14 but shall receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses  
15 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the  
16 State Travel Reimbursement Act. The task force shall be staffed by  
17 the Senate.

18 F. The task force may consult with any organization, government  
19 entity, or person in the development of its report required pursuant  
20 to the provisions of subsection G of this section.

21 G. On or before December 15, 2024, the task force shall  
22 electronically submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of  
23 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
24 chairs of the House and Senate committees that oversee public

1 safety, a report containing, but not limited to, the following  
2 information based on available data:

3 1. A review of laws and regulations on organized retail crime  
4 used by other states, the federal government, and foreign countries  
5 to regulate the marketplace;

6 2. The use of organized retail theft's impact on state and  
7 local tax receipts;

8 3. The need for interagency coordination of public education  
9 and outreach and prevention programs for business owners; and

10 4. Legislative and regulatory recommendations, if any, to  
11 increase transparency and security, enhance consumer protections,  
12 prevent organized retail theft, and to address the long-term  
13 economic impact related to the prevalence of organized retail crime.

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

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/13/2023 - DO PASS,  
20 As Amended.

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