An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2166

By: Lowe (Dick) of the House

and

Weaver of the Senate

An Act relating to motor carriers; creating the State Task Force on Motor Carrier Regulation and Enforcement; providing for membership in the Task Force; providing for quorum requirements; requiring monthly meetings; allowing meetings at call of the chair; disallowing compensation for members; allowing for travel reimbursement; directing Task Force to study, evaluate, and make recommendations related to motor carriers; requiring certain agencies make records and employees available; requiring preparation and submission of report by certain date; and providing for staffing.

SUBJECT: Motor carriers

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 173.1 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created, until July 1, 2024, the State Task Force on Motor Carrier Regulation and Enforcement. The Task Force shall be composed of the following seven (7) members:

1. The Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;

2. One member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission or designee;

3. The Cabinet Secretary of Public Safety or designee;

4. The Cabinet Secretary of Transportation or designee;

5. One member selected by the Governor, who shall serve as the chair of the Task Force;

6. One member designated by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, who shall be a current member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; and

7. One member designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, who shall be a current member of the Oklahoma State Senate.

B. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Task Force. The Task Force shall meet monthly and at such other times as may be called by the chair.

C. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force but shall receive travel reimbursement for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. The State Task Force on Motor Carrier Regulation and Enforcement shall:

1. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the adequacy, scope, and effectiveness of regulatory, licensing, and permitting programs applicable to the motor carrier industry;

2. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding strategies to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of state law enforcement's regulation of public safety and enforcement of laws applicable to the motor carrier industry;

3. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding the adequacy, scope, and effect of civil and criminal enforcement mechanisms of state laws governing the motor carrier industry;

4. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding combining within a state agency any motor carrier regulatory programs or law enforcement functions; and

5. Study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding any other matters determined by the Task Force to be relevant to the purpose of this act.

E. The Corporation Commission, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Transportation shall make all information and records available to the Task Force as the Task Force may require. These agencies shall also make their employees available to the Task Force for the Task Force to interview and gather information.

F. On or before December 1, 2023, the Task Force shall prepare a report of its findings and recommendations to be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Chair of the Public Safety and Transportation Committees in both the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate, and the minority leaders of both the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma Senate.

G. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 10th

day of May, 20 23, at 2:49 o'clock p. M.

By: Summer Curry

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 11th

day of May, 20 23, at 4:15 o'clock p. M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 11th

day of May, 20 23, at 5:30 o'clock P. M.

By: Brian Bingman