

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1129

BY: BENSON

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; CREATING THE
OKLAHOMA DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE POLICY BOARD ACT;
PROVIDING SHORT TITLE; STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS
AND INTENT; CREATING THE OKLAHOMA DRUG AND ALCOHOL
ABUSE POLICY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP,
TERMS, VACANCIES, OFFICERS, MEETINGS AND STAFFING
OF SAID BOARD; PROVIDING FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF
SAID BOARD; PROVIDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE
DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY PLAN; REPEALING SECTIONS 1,
2, 3 AND 5, CHAPTER 116, O.S.L. 1987 AND SECTION 4,
CHAPTER 116, O.S.L. 1987, AS AMENDED BY SECTION
134, CHAPTER 51, O.S.L. 1990 (70 O.S. SUPP. 1990,
SECTIONS 1210.229-1, 1210.229-2, 1210.229-3,
1210.229-4 AND 1210.229-5), WHICH RELATE TO THE
OKLAHOMA ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND LIFE
SKILLS EDUCATION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 30 of Title 74, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall be known and may be cited
as the "Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy Board Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 30a of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature finds that drug and alcohol abuse is one of the most critical problems facing law enforcement, education, and the social service agencies in the State of Oklahoma and that the problem continues to escalate, threatening the quality of life in our state, destroying the integrity of the family, disrupting the lives of children and adults, increasing crime, and creating a drain on the resources available to combat those many problems through the various state and local agencies in our state. In order to expand and enhance the ability of the state to combat the serious drug and alcohol problems, the Legislature finds that a centralized, well-coordinated statewide effort is necessary to curb both the supply of drugs and the demand for drugs and alcohol among Oklahomans, especially our youth, and that a statewide plan should be coordinated by the Attorney General of Oklahoma and developed by the various state and local law enforcement, education, and social service agencies in order to direct the efforts and activities of all entities that are involved in efforts against drug and alcohol abuse.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 30b of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy Board.

B. The Attorney General shall:

1. be the permanent chairperson and a voting member of said Board and shall coordinate the activities of the Board;

2. provide the Board with the staff assistance necessary to the Board to perform its functions, and coordinate with the other

members of the Board for staff assistance to meet the goals of the Board; and

3. establish such committees, subcommittees, or other working groups in order to accomplish the goals of the Board.

C. The Board shall be composed of the following members:

1. the Governor or his designee;

2. the Attorney General;

3. the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control;

4. the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;

5. the Commissioner of Public Safety;

6. the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

7. the Commissioner of Health;

8. the Adjutant General of the Military Department;

9. the Superintendent of Public Instruction;

10. the Director of Corrections;

11. the Director of the Department of Human Services;

12. the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission;

13. the Executive Director of the District Attorneys' Council;

14. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; and

15. two appointees of the Governor, who shall be private citizens appointed to serve for one-year terms.

D. Any other state or local agency or individual may become a nonvoting member of the Board upon approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members set forth in subsection C of this section.

E. Other officers, excluding the chairperson, may be elected at the discretion of the voting Board members.

F. The Board shall hold meetings at least quarterly and at such other times as the Attorney General deems necessary.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 30c of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy Board shall:

1. encourage the establishment of a mechanism for the exchange of information and ideas to assist in the marshalling, coordinating and directing of the various missions and efforts related to fighting drug and alcohol abuse of the agencies set forth in subsection C of Section 3 of this act;

2. encourage other institutions, both public and private, to participate in creating uniform drug policies for the state;

3. create a structure and organization to facilitate the coordination of this state's war against drug and alcohol abuse by establishing strategies on prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, thereby avoiding duplication of effort and preserving state resources;

4. establish a central focus and policy in coordinating and directing public and private efforts toward solving all alcohol and drug-related problems;

5. develop and refine a comprehensive statewide plan which addresses all areas of the war against drugs including: law enforcement, prosecution, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation efforts, maximizing the utilization of the state's resources; and

6. issue reports of findings and recommendations to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before February 1 of each year.

SECTION 5. REPEALER Sections 1, 2, 3 and 5, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 1987 and Section 4, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 1987, as amended by Section 134, Chapter 51, O.S.L. 1990 (70 O.S. Supp. 1990, Sections

1210.229-1, 1210.229-2, 1210.229-3, 1210.229-4 and 1210.229-5), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 1991.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1991.

President of the Senate