

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 903

BY: DICKERSON of the SENATE

and

HAMILTON (James) of the
HOUSE

[HEALTH AND EDUCATION - OKLAHOMA AREA HEALTH
EDUCATION CENTERS SYSTEM - PROVIDING FOR
CODIFICATION -

EFFECTIVE DATE]

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 1-1721 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Health shall establish the Oklahoma Area Health Education Center System at the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine to administer the existing area health education program.

B. The system shall consist of four area health education centers and a program office administered by the system director of the Oklahoma Area Health Education Centers System of Oklahoma State University. Each center shall represent a geographic area with specified populations that the system determines currently lack services by the health care professions.

C. The Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall appoint an advisory council for each center consisting of not fewer than ten (10) and not more than twenty (20)

people selected from a list of prospective council members submitted by each center's supervising board. Advisory council membership shall consist of health care providers and consumers and shall reflect the ethnic representation of the center's geographic area. Each advisory council shall make recommendations to the center directors and/or system director regarding health professionals' educational needs, local program priorities and the allocation of system monies in the catchment area for a center. Advisory council members shall not be eligible to receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. Each center shall:

1. Conduct physician and other health professions education programs that consist of any or all of the following as indicated in regionally specific needs assessments:

- a. clinical training program for students enrolled in professional degree programs,
- b. a program of post-professional degree education, and
- c. certification education;

2. Conduct programs to recruit and retain students from minority and other populations who are underrepresented in health professions;

3. Conduct continuing education programs for health professionals including mid-level and entry-level health care providers;

4. Develop and maintain a regional health professions learning resource center; and

5. Provide other technical assistance to communities and public providers in regards to recruitment or education of health personnel and on the matters of developing health policy.

E. The system director shall submit a written report on or before the fifteenth day of November of each year to the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Commissioner of Health. The report shall contain the following:

1. The fiscal status of each center and the system, including a justified budget request for the new fiscal year;
2. Information regarding education, outreach and training programs;
3. Information regarding placement of health care personnel in areas the system director determines are undeserved by these professionals;
4. An evaluation of system accomplishments; and
5. Recommendations for possible legislative action.

F. The system shall provide adequate funds as appropriated for system and center staffing, program services and other expertise.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1722 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall appoint an Oklahoma Area Health Education Centers System Advisory Committee consisting of not fewer than twelve (12) members and not more than twenty-four (24) members who are knowledgeable about the delivery of health care in Oklahoma. Each area health education center and all health professions educational programs under the aegis of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall be represented.

B. The Board shall reflect statewide representation of urban and rural populations, educators, health care providers and consumers. The Board shall also have at least one representative from both the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Physician Manpower Training Commission.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

Passed the Senate the 3d day of March, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of

_____, 1992.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives