

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 903

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR THE OKLAHOMA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN ADVISORY BOARDS; PRESCRIBING CENTER DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR AN AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS COMMISSION; PRESCRIBING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN 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 System. The system shall 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 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 State Department of Health 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 the center director. 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 board shall make recommendations to the center director 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 Board members are not eligible to receive compensation.

D. Each center shall:

1. Conduct physical and other health professions education programs that consist of any or all of the following as indicated in regionally specific 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 of 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,

the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Commissioner of the State Department 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 State Department of Health 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. 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 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and the Physicians Manpower Training Commission.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1723 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In each state fiscal year, the Oklahoma Legislature shall appropriate adequate funds to support the operation of the system. Such funds shall be allocated to the State Department of Health. The funds may only be used to support administration and operation of the system.

B. No less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the funds allocated in a given year must be allocated to centers and must be expended on the operation of programs and center staffing. No more than eight percent (8%) of the funds allocated to a center may be applied to the indirect costs of a host institution.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

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