

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1690

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Task Force on Perinatal Substance Abuse; specifying purpose; providing for duties; providing for membership; providing for organization; requiring reports; providing for reimbursement; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 1-239 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law a Task Force to be known as the Task Force on Perinatal Substance Abuse. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to review and track the recommendations from the Task Force on Harmful Substance Use and Abuse During Pregnancy and to serve as an ongoing multi-agency study and advisory group for the legislature, the governor and all state agencies.

B. The Task Force on Perinatal Substance Abuse shall be charged with the following duties:

1. Periodic prevalence studies to determine the extent of the problem;

2. Improve public access to information about substance abuse and resources for substance abuse treatment;

3. Work with agencies to develop creative local solutions to transportation problems;

4. Coordinating substance abuse education for professional and nonprofessional staff who deal with substance abusing clients;

5. Service coordination for women and infants affected by drugs during pregnancy and look at restructuring health department prenatal care services;

6. Develop recommendations for new treatment centers and how existing centers can expand capacity;

7. Review current child abuse statutes;

8. Study and make recommendations on substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation needs of women within the correctional system;

9. Work with the Department of Human Services to change the State Medicaid Plan to include payment for residential substance abuse treatment for pregnant women with children provided by Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD's); and

10. Work with the Department of Health's birth defects surveillance programs to construct a reporting mechanism for recording maternal use of harmful substances and maintain records of infants born exposed to harmful substances.

C. The Task Force shall be composed of seventeen (17) members.

D. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Task Force. The Task Force on Perinatal Substance Abuse shall submit an annual report on or before January 1, 1994, and each January 1 thereafter, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor on its findings and recommendations.

E. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties as members, pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. 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.

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