

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2241

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; creating the Wellness Program Act; creating the Wellness Council; providing membership of Council; providing for appointment of wellness coordinators; providing for chairman and vice-chairman; providing for meeting dates; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for a quorum; stating duties and responsibilities of the Council; providing for selection of Wellness Coordinating Committee; providing membership of Committee; stating duties of Committee; 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 1381 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Wellness Program Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1382 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created within the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, the Wellness Council, to continue until July 1, 2000, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of this title.

B. The Wellness Council shall be composed of one representative from every state agency which has designated a person to serve on the Council as the wellness coordinator for their respective state agency.

C. Each state agency with two hundred (200) or more full-time-equivalent employees shall appoint a wellness coordinator. All wellness coordinators shall be appointed by October 1, 1994. Each wellness coordinator shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. If a wellness coordinator can no longer serve for any reason the appointing agency shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

D. The first meeting of the Council shall be called by the Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Council. The Employee Benefits Council shall designate a person to serve as the State Government Wellness Coordinator. The State Government Wellness Coordinator shall serve as the chairman of the Wellness Council. The chairman shall preside over meetings of the Council and perform such other duties as may be required by the Council. The council shall elect one of its members to serve as vice-chairman who shall perform the duties of the chairman in the absence of the chairman or upon the inability or refusal of the chairman to act.

E. The Council shall meet at least once quarterly, and may meet more often as necessary.

F. The members of the Council shall serve without compensation except that members shall receive travel reimbursement in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq of this title.

G. A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1383 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Wellness Council shall coordinate and develop wellness programs in state government. The Council shall work to encourage participation in wellness programs by state employees. In addition the Council shall establish methods and a plan of action for receiving money through grants from federal and private funds to implement wellness programs in the State of Oklahoma.

B. The chairman of the Wellness Council shall appoint a Wellness Coordinating Committee. The members of the Committee shall be selected from among the members of the Council. The Committee shall be responsible for meeting and coordinating wellness efforts with the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, the Employee Benefits Council, the State Employee Assistance Program and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. In addition the Committee shall be responsible for developing a plan of action to solicit public and private funds for wellness programs.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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