

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2153

By: Gray of the House

and

Robinson and Williams of
the Senate

An Act relating to public health and safety;
establishing the Oklahoma Long-term Care Task
Force; providing for membership; providing for
appointment, vacancies, quorum, and travel
reimbursement; specifying duties; requiring a
report; requiring cooperation; providing for input;
specifying termination date; providing for
noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. A. 1. There is hereby established the Oklahoma Long-term Care Task Force. The Task Force shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members. The Governor shall appoint seven members, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint seven members and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint seven members. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

2. The Director of the Department of Human Services, the chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Commissioner of Health or their designees shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Task Force.

B. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority where such vacancy exists.

C. The Task Force shall elect from its membership a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a secretary.

D. A majority of the members appointed to the Task Force shall constitute a quorum and a majority present at a meeting may act for the Task Force.

E. Members shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. The Task Force may divide into subcommittees in furtherance of its purposes.

G. The Task Force shall study the various long-term care programs currently being provided in the State of Oklahoma and shall make recommendations concerning a comprehensive state policy regarding long-term care for the state.

H. The Task Force shall work with the State Health Department, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the Department of Human Services and all other related agencies and long-term care providers in developing a proposed policy for the state.

I. The Task Force shall actively seek and consider input from the public, the business community, long-term care organizations, organizations for elderly or retired persons, public interest organizations, professional organizations, or any other group or person who has an interest in the long-term care programs of this state and the work of the Task Force. The Task Force shall solicit and accept written comments, recommendations and proposals and shall hold public hearings to obtain comments from the public.

J. All departments, officers, agencies and employees of this state shall cooperate with the Task Force in carrying out its duties and responsibilities, including providing any information, records and reports as may be requested by the Task Force.

K. The Task Force shall submit a final report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than February 1, 1998, regarding the findings and recommendations of the Task Force.

L. The Task Force shall terminate on June 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. NONCODIFICATION Section 1 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate