

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1134

By: Fields, Staggs,  
Satterfield and Kirby of  
the House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to state health insurance; creating the Public Health Insurance Plan Reserves Task Force; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for study of reserves; providing issues for study; requiring report; providing for membership, appointment and travel reimbursement; providing for staff support; providing for the contracting of certain services; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created to continue until February 1, 1998, the Public Health Insurance Plan Reserves Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study and review the financial reserves and retained earnings of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board and to advise the Legislature on the nature and amounts of the reserves and retained earnings.

B. The Public Health Insurance Plan Reserves Task Force shall:

1. Review the principles for establishing financial reserves for a public self-insured employee medical and life insurance program;

2. Identify the legal obligations and policy considerations which require financial reserves and differentiate between the obligations and considerations; and

3. Apply those principles to determine if the reserves for the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Plans are consistent.

C. The Task Force shall issue a report of their findings and recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 10, 1998.

D. The Task Force shall be composed of nine (9) members, three of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives and be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three of whom shall be members of the Senate and be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Appointments shall be made by July 1, 1997. Of the remaining three members, one shall be the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, or a designee of the Director, one shall be the State Auditor and Inspector, or a designee of the State Auditor and Inspector, and one shall be the State Treasurer, or a designee of the State Treasurer.

E. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall jointly call the first meeting of the Task Force. At the first meeting, the Task Force shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among the legislative

membership. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the legislative staff of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body which they serve; and

2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by their own agencies and organizations for their necessary travel expenses in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

G. The State Insurance Department shall provide such staff support as is required by the Task Force.

H. The Task Force shall work with the Legislative Service Bureau, which shall contract for actuarial services to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force as described in this section.

SECTION 2. NONCODIFICATION The provisions of 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 11th day of March, 1997.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 3rd day of April, 1997.

President of the Senate