

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2877

By: Bryant of the House

and

Dunlap of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; creating the Oklahoma Quality Improvement Task Force; stating purpose, composition, first meeting, officers, travel reimbursement and quorum; requiring plan of action; stating criteria for certain programs and services; requiring review of certain option; requiring submission of reports; providing for codification; 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 9001 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Quality Improvement Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force is to research, develop and implement ways to improve the quality and efficiency of state government services in Oklahoma.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of ten (10) members as follows:

1. Two members shall be appointed by the Governor;
2. Two members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate;
3. Two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives;
4. The Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector, or designee;
5. The Director of the Office of State Finance, or designee;
6. The Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management, or designee; and
7. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Public Employees Association, or designee.

The first meeting of the Task Force shall be convened no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. The Task Force shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members. Staffing shall be provided by staff of the Legislative Service Bureau, staff of the Office of Personnel Management, staff of the State Auditor and Inspector's Office, and staff of the Office of State Finance.

C. 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;

2. Nonlegislative state agency members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by their own agencies;

3. Nonlegislative members of organizations shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

4. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Public Employees Association, or designee, will receive no reimbursement.

D. A majority of Task Force members at a meeting shall constitute a quorum to transact official business.

E. The Task Force shall develop a plan of action to develop programs and services to assist agencies in the delivery of governmental services to Oklahoma citizens. These programs and services shall include assessments and evaluations of state services, consultative services, facilitation of quality improvement initiatives, gathering and sharing of efficiencies of operations information, coordination of training for quality improvement processes, and the providing of reports on participation and involvement of agencies in quality initiatives. The Task Force will also review the option of creating a Quality Improvement Office within state government. The Task Force shall complete its plan and review and submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. 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 13th day of May, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 14th day of May, 1998.

President of the Senate