

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2231

By: Askins of the House

and

Harrison of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending Section 1, Chapter 209, O.S.L. 1993 (63 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1-239), which relates to the Task Force on Perinatal Substance Abuse; re-creating such Task Force.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 209, O.S.L. 1993 (63 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1-239), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-239. A. There is hereby ~~created~~ re-created to continue until July 1, ~~1998~~ 2004, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Task Force on Perinatal Substance Abuse. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to review and track the recommendations of 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. To conduct periodic prevalence studies to determine the extent of the problem;

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

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

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

5. To coordinate services for women and infants affected by drugs during pregnancy and investigate restructuring prenatal care services within the State Department of Health;

6. To develop recommendations for the establishment of new treatment centers and methods to expand the capacity of existing centers;

7. To review current child abuse statutes;

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

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

10. To work with the coordinators of the birth defects surveillance programs within the State Department of Health 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 ten (10) members to be appointed as follows:

1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the Oklahoma House of Representatives, one member who is employed in the Maternal and Child Health Division of the State Department of Health, one member who is employed in the Division of Children, Youth and Family Services of the Department of Human Services, one member who shall be the Chief Child Abuse Examiner of the State of Oklahoma, and one member who is employed in the Neonatal Department of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center; and

2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member from the Oklahoma State Senate, one member who is employed in the Treatment Programs Division of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, one member from the Department of Corrections, one member who represents a private substance abuse treatment facility for women and infants, and one member who is employed in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

D. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Task Force from among its members. 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 the performance of their duties as members, pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members by their employing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The member representing a private

substance abuse treatment facility for women and infants shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties by the Legislative Service Bureau, pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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