

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3073

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to persons with disabilities;
creating the Task Force to Assess Services for
Persons with Developmental Disabilities; stating
purpose; providing for appointments, officers,
meetings, quorum, duties, compensation,
reimbursement and staff support; 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 the Task Force to Assess Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. The purpose of the Task Force is to assess the current program delivery system for persons receiving services who have developmental disabilities in Oklahoma, determine any need for additional services and to recommend to the Developmental Disabilities Services Division (DDSD) of the Department of Human Services any services needed for individuals currently receiving services or persons who are in need of services or who are on waiting lists for such services.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of eight (8) 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. One member shall be selected by the Director of the Developmental Disabilities Services Division from the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities; and

5. The Chair of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, or designee.

C. 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 Developmental Disabilities Services Division. The Task Force shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members. Staffing shall be provided by staff of the Legislative Services Bureau and staff of the Department of Human Services.

D. 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; and

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.

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

F. 1. The responsibilities and duties of the Task Force shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. identifying services that are currently available to persons with developmental disabilities in Oklahoma. Information provided should include the types of services available and the number of individuals receiving such services within the three (3) geographical areas established by the Developmental Disabilities Services Division,
- b. identifying the number of individuals who have developmental disabilities and who are not receiving services. Information provided should include those persons who are on the waiting list of the Developmental Disabilities Services Division to receive services,
- c. providing information on the costs and funding of delivering current levels of services to persons with developmental disabilities and anticipated costs and funding for persons not receiving such services, and
- d. assessing the quality and availability of services and making recommendations to develop and improve services, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) respite care at state resource centers or individual homes providing care to clients,
 - (2) daily living support skills and training,
 - (3) employment services,
 - (4) professional therapies, including, but not limited to: physical therapy, occupational and speech therapy, and group therapy,
 - (5) nursing services,
 - (6) dental services,

- (7) nutritional and dietary counseling,
- (8) transportation services,
- (9) training of direct care staff for private providers,
- (10) family member training and support services, and
- (11) pharmaceutical services.

G. The Task Force also shall make recommendations as to the viability of providing the aforementioned services at the Northern Oklahoma Resource Center of Enid and the Southern Resource Center and to individuals who have developmental disabilities living throughout the state.

H. The Task Force shall issue a report concerning their assessments and recommendations to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 1999.

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.

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