

SHORT TITLE: State government; creating the Oklahoma Task Force on Crisis Services for Individuals with Disabilities. Effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1324

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; creating the Task Force on Crisis Services for Individuals with Disabilities; stating purpose of task force; providing for composition; providing for powers and duties of the task force; providing for convening of task force, officers, quorum, meetings and staffing; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; providing for report of findings and recommendations; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 169.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. There is hereby created to continue until December 31, 1999, the Task Force on Crisis Services for Individuals with Disabilities.

2. The purpose of the task force shall be to assess individual and family needs at the onset of severe disability and to recommend system improvements to address immediate and extended needs of

individuals and families in crisis due to the new acquisition of a disability from injury, illness or a progressive medical condition.

B. The task force shall be composed of eighteen (18) members as follows:

1. An individual with an acquired severe disability, to be appointed by the Governor;

2. An individual with an acquired disability, to be appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Client Assistance Program;

3. Two individuals representing advocacy organizations for persons with severe disability, to be appointed by the Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services;

4. The Director of the Office of Handicapped Concerns, or a designee;

5. The Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, or a designee;

6. The Chair of the Advisory Council on Traumatic Spinal Cord and Traumatic Brain Injury, or a designee;

7. The Director of Oklahoma ABLE Tech, or a designee;

8. The Director of the Oklahoma Client Assistance Program, or a designee;

9. A representative from the Adult Protective Services program of the Department of Human Services, to be appointed by the Director of the Department of Human Services;

10. The State Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

11. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or a designee;

12. The Chair of the State Independent Living Council, or a designee;

13. The Director of the Oklahoma Areawide Services Information System (OASIS), or a designee;

14. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;

15. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or a designee;

16. The Chair of the Oklahoma State Senate Human Resources Committee, or a designee; and

17. The Chair of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Human Services Committee, or a designee.

C. The task force shall have the power and duty to:

1. Identify the immediate and continuing needs of individuals and families following the onset of a severe disability due to injury, illness or progressive medical condition, with particular attention to needs for:

- a. medical services,
- b. crisis intervention and case management,
- c. information,
- d. rehabilitation,
- e. housing and home modifications,
- f. assistive technology devices and services,
- g. personal care and home health services,
- h. transportation,
- i. financial assistance,
- j. psychological services, and
- k. advocacy;

2. Assess the adequacy of existing services and resources for meeting the needs of individuals with newly acquired disabilities;

3. Identify service gaps and barriers that increase the severity of a crisis and impede progress toward recovery, adjustment, resumption of life at home and in the community, and achievement of the maximum level of independent functioning; and

4. Recommend action to improve crisis and follow-up services so that individuals who become disabled and their families can, to the greatest extent possible, return to full participation in home, community and economic life.

D. 1. The Director of the Office of Handicapped Concerns shall convene and preside over the first meeting of the task force no later than December 1, 1998. Thereafter, the task force shall meet not less than bi-monthly at a location to be determined by the members. 2. The task force shall elect from among its members a chair, vice-chair and secretary. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task force.

3. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the Office of Handicapped Concerns and the State Department of Rehabilitation Services.

E. Task force members 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;

2. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Members of the task force who are not otherwise officers or employees of the state shall be reimbursed by the Office of Handicapped Concerns in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. The proceedings of all meetings of the task force shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

G. The task force shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on or before November 1, 1999.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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