

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 2487

By: Roach, Boyd, Deutschendorf,
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House

and

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

[public health and safety - Task Force to Study
Perinatal Addiction and Treatment Services -
codification -

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 1-546.1 of Title
63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads
as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Perinatal Addiction and Treatment Act."

The purposes of this act shall be to protect children from the
harm that results from perinatal alcohol or substance abuse, thereby
avoiding the potentially significant cost to the state of providing
medical and other care to such children, and to prevent birth
defects and other alcohol or substance abuse-related health problems
through the identification of appropriate perinatal and other health
care and substance abuse treatment services.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-546.2 of Title 63, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby established until June 30, 2001, the Joint Legislative Task Force to Study Perinatal Addiction and Treatment Services.

B. The membership of the Task Force shall be as follows:

1. The Chair of the Human Resources Committee of the Oklahoma State Senate;

2. The Chair of the Human Services Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

3. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

4. The Director of Human Services;

5. The State Commissioner of Health;

6. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

7. The Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Substance Abuse;

8. A representative from the District Attorneys Council;

9. Two physicians who specialize in pediatrics, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

10. Two physicians who specialize in obstetrics and gynecology, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

11. Three individuals, appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a registered nurse who specializes in obstetrics and delivery, one of whom shall be a law enforcement official with experience in domestic violence, and one of whom shall be a licensed social worker, licensed in this state, who has work experience in the area of alcohol and substance abuse addiction.

C. Appointed members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. A vacancy in a position shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

D. Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

E. The two legislative members shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force.

F. Members shall receive no compensation for their service on the Task Force but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Members who are not legislators or officers or employees of the state shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

G. Meetings of the Task Force shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

H. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the staffs of the Senate and House.

I. The duties of the Task Force shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Exploring the feasibility of:

- a. requiring that all substance abuse treatment services administered or contracted for by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be available to pregnant women who are abusing or may be addicted to alcohol or controlled dangerous substances,
- b. establishing expedited Medicaid eligibility determination for pregnant women who are abusing or may be addicted to alcohol or controlled dangerous substances, and

c. requiring coverage for contraceptive services to women who are abusing or may be addicted to alcohol or controlled dangerous substances;

2. Identification of barriers to receiving treatment faced by maternal substance abusers including, but not limited to, transportation to and from programs, health insurance, money to pay for treatment, child care, domestic violence, and fear of criminal prosecution or losing custody of their children;

3. A review of available programs and treatment modalities including, but not limited to, inpatient/residential, outpatient/non-residential, long-term, and integrative treatment that simultaneously addresses the needs of maternal substance abusers in other critical skills areas such as parenting; and

4. Performance of any other functions necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act.

E. The Task Force may submit a report of findings and recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

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