

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 661

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and

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House

[ public health and safety - Oklahoma Continuum of Care  
Task Force - members - cooperation - report -  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. 1. There is hereby established until June 1, 2000, the  
Oklahoma Continuum of Care Task Force. The Task Force shall be  
composed of twenty-one (21) members, seven of whom shall be  
appointed by each the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the  
Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

B. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing  
authority. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the  
original appointing authority.

2. A majority of the members appointed to the Task Force shall  
constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting  
may act for the Task Force.

3. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint the Chair of the  
Task Force from among the Pro Tempore's appointees and the Speaker  
shall appoint the Vice Chair from among the Speaker's appointees.  
The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker shall alternate  
responsibility for appointing such officers.

4. The Chair of the Task Force shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or before July 1, 1999.

5. The Task Force shall determine meeting dates; provided, however, the Task Force shall meet not less than quarterly.

Members shall not be compensated for their service but shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

C. 1. The Task Force:

- a. shall study the various long-term care programs currently being provided in this state and shall make recommendations concerning a comprehensive state policy regarding long-term care,
- b. may divide into subcommittees in furtherance of its purpose,
- c. shall work with the State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the Department of Human Services and all other related agencies and long-term care providers in developing a proposed policy for the state,
- d. shall actively seek and consider input from the public, the business community, long-term care organizations, organizations for elderly or retired persons, public interest organizations, professional organizations, or any other groups or persons with an interest in the long-term care programs of this state and the work of the Task Force, and
- e. shall solicit and accept written comments, recommendations and proposals, and shall hold public hearings to obtain comments from the public.

2. All departments, officers, agencies and employees of the state shall cooperate with the Task Force in carrying out its duties

and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, providing any information, records and reports as may be requested by the Task Force.

D. The Task Force shall submit a final report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before February 1, 2000, regarding the findings and recommendations of the Task Force.

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 Senate the 22nd day of February, 1999.

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President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives