

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3

By: Maddox of the Senate

and

Benson of the House

A Concurrent Resolution relating to healthcare;
creating the Oklahoma State Prescription Drug Program
Task Force; stating purpose of task force; providing
for study of certain issues; requiring a report;
stating membership; providing travel reimbursement
and staffing.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill
and insert

"A Concurrent Resolution relating to health care;
creating the Oklahoma State Prescription Drug
Program Task Force; stating purpose of task force;
providing for study of certain issues; requiring a
report; stating membership; and providing travel
reimbursement and staffing.

WHEREAS, prescription drug costs have greatly risen over the
past several years; and

WHEREAS, affordability is crucial in providing prescription
drugs to Oklahoma residents; and

WHEREAS, many Oklahomans are not covered under a prescription
drug plan; and

WHEREAS, Oklahomans without a prescription drug plan may benefit
from a state-negotiated prescription drug program; and

WHEREAS, some states have already passed legislation creating
such a state-negotiated prescription drug program and other states
are looking into this arrangement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT there is hereby created the Oklahoma State Prescription Drug Program Task Force. The purpose of the task force shall be to study the need for a statewide prescription drug program and make any recommendations on how such program could be implemented in the State of Oklahoma and present such recommendations in a report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2001.

THAT the task force shall include the following twenty-one (21) members:

1. Four Senate members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated as the cochair;

2. Four House of Representatives members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated as the cochair;

3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint five members of the health care community, of whom one shall be an allopathic physician licensed in this state, one shall be from the health care insurance industry doing business in this state, one shall be a licensed pharmacist in this state pursuant to the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act, one shall be a member from an association representing people with mental illnesses and one shall be a member from a statewide organization representing senior citizens;

4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the health care community, of whom one shall be an osteopathic physician licensed in this state, one shall be a hospital administrator in this state, one shall be a representative from the nursing home industry in this state, one shall be a member from an association representing pharmaceutical manufacturers and

one shall be a member from a statewide organization representing senior citizens;

5. The Administrator of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, or designee;

6. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council, or designee; and

7. The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or designee.

THAT the members of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but they 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; and

2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. State employees and officers shall be reimbursed by their agencies or institutions. Others shall be reimbursed by the Legislative Service Bureau.

THAT staff assistance to the task force shall be provided by the staff of the State Senate and the House of Representatives."

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of April, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the Senate