STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 1649 By: Cain of the Senate

and

Gilbert of the House

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An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Task Force on the Promotion of Children's Health; providing for appointment of members, vacancies, quorum, appointment of cochairs, convening of the first meeting and additional meetings, staffing and travel reimbursement; requiring compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; allowing division into subcommittees; requiring cooperation of state entities; stating duty of the task force; requiring a report of findings and recommendations; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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 1-559.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31, 2005, the Task Force on the Promotion of Children's Health.

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

1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint six members as follows:

a. one member of the Senate Human Resources Committee,

b. one member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services,

c. a representative from the Women, Infants and

Children (WIC) Program within the Department of Human Services,

d. a college professor in the area of allied nutrition,

e. a representative of the State Department of Education Health, Safety and Physical Education section, and

f. a pediatrician of African-American descent;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six members as follows:

a. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Human Services Committee,

b. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Mental Health Committee,

c. a representative from an urban Indian health clinic,

d. a pediatric endocrinologist,

e. a child advocate representing Asian children, and

f. a representative from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; and

3. The Governor shall appoint six members as follows:

a. a Doctor of Pharmacy,

b. a physical therapist or exercise therapist,

c. a child advocate representing Hispanic children,

d. a school counselor,

e. a representative from a nationally recognized organization representing grocery manufacturers, and

f. a representative from a nationally recognized organization representing soft drink manufacturers.

C. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

2. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 1, 2002.

3. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act for the task force.

4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair from among the members of the task force.

5. The cochairs of the task force shall convene the first meeting of the task force on or before July 15, 2002, at which time a schedule of the first year's meetings shall be determined. The task force shall meet at least quarterly.

6. Proceedings of all meetings of the task force shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

7. The task force may divide into subcommittees in furtherance of its purpose.

D. 1. Staff of the Health, Safety and Physical Education section within the State Department of Education and the Maternal and Child Health Division within the State Department of Health shall serve as primary staff for the task force. Appropriate personnel from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall also assist with the work of the task force.

2. The task force may use the expertise and services of the staffs of the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives and may, as necessary, seek the advice and services of experts in the field as well as other necessary professional and clerical staff.

E. All departments, officers, agencies, and employees of this state shall cooperate with the task force in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing any information, records, or reports requested by the task force.

F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for 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; and

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

G. It shall be the duty of the task force to formulate recommendations related to children's health for the State of Oklahoma.

H. The task force shall publish a report of its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for any resulting legislation.

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.

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