

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1026

By: Roach of the House

and

Williams of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution relating to hospital funding; establishing the Task Force on Hospital Funding; specifying purposes; providing for membership and appointment; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for staffing; authorizing certain contracts; and providing for recommendations.

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the provision of quality indigent healthcare is an important benefit to the citizens of the State of Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the provision of graduate medical education is also a benefit to the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, hospitals within the state could benefit from a comprehensive review of funding of these programs.

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

THAT there is hereby created the "Task Force on Hospital Funding". The purpose of the Task Force is to make findings and recommendations on the following issues:

1. State funding for graduate medical education;
2. State funding for indigent medical care;
3. State funding for charitable medical care;
4. State funding for Medicaid medical care; and

5. Funding for Medicare medical care.

THAT the Task Force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as follows:

1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
2. One member of the State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
3. A representative of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery at Oklahoma State University appointed by the President of Oklahoma State University;
4. A representative of the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma appointed by the President of the University of Oklahoma;
5. Chair of the University Hospitals Authority or designee;
6. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority or designee;
7. Three representatives of Tulsa metropolitan area hospitals appointed by the Governor or their designees;
8. Three representatives of Oklahoma City metropolitan hospitals appointed by the Governor or their designees; and
9. Three representatives of nonmetropolitan hospitals appointed by the Governor or their designees, based upon geographic equity.

THAT the Chair of the University Hospitals Authority shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force on or before July 1, 2001, at which time the members shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the membership. Meetings of the Task Force shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

THAT members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their services on the Task Force 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;

2. Nonlegislative state agency members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by their agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Other members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate. The University Hospitals Authority and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide assistance as requested by the Task Force.

THAT the Task Force may request the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to contract with outside consultants as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Task Force.

THAT the duties of the Task Force shall be to:

1. Review the state of funding provided hospitals and universities within the State of Oklahoma for graduate medical education, indigent medical care, charitable medical care, Medicaid medical care and Medicare medical care;

2. Review various methodologies and formulae that could improve the access to and quality of graduate medical education, indigent medical care and charitable medical care. The Task Force shall give due consideration to the needs of the state's medical schools, medical residents and the indigent health needs of the public;

3. Make recommendations as to the appropriate methodology and funding necessary to improve quality and access to graduate medical programs;

4. Make recommendations as to the appropriate methodology and funding necessary to improve access and quality of medical care to indigent citizens of Oklahoma; and

5. Make recommendations as to the appropriate methodology and funding to improve access to and quality of charitable care.

THAT the Task Force shall issue a report of the findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 2001.

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