

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1659

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma Public Health Emergency Planning Task Force; stating purpose of task force; providing for membership and staffing of task force; naming chair of task force; requiring plan for responding to public health emergency by certain date; requiring certain plan components; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Public Health Emergency Planning Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to prepare a plan for responding to a public health emergency.

B. The task force shall be comprised as follows:

1. The Governor's cabinet secretary with responsibilities for health and human services who shall serve as chair of the task force;

2. The State Commissioner of Health;

3. The Director of the Department of Public Safety;

4. The State Attorney General;

5. The Administrative Director of the Courts;

6. Two members of the State Senate to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7. Two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8. The Director of the Tulsa City-County Health Department;
9. The Director of the Oklahoma City-County Health Department;

and

10. A representative of the Governor's office to be selected by the Governor.

C. No later than December 31, 2002, the task force shall deliver a plan for responding to a public health emergency to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The plan shall include provisions or guidelines for the following:

1. Notification of and communication with the population during a state of public health emergency;

2. Central coordination of resources, manpower, and services, including coordination of responses by state, local, tribal, and federal agencies;

3. The location, procurement, storage, transportation, maintenance, and distribution of essential materials including, but not limited to, medical supplies, drugs, vaccines, food, shelter, clothing, and beds;

4. The role of law enforcement agencies in a response to a public health emergency;

5. The continued, effective operation of the judicial system including, if deemed necessary, the identification and training of personnel to serve as emergency judges regarding matters of isolation and quarantine;

6. The method of evacuating populations and housing and feeding evacuated populations;

7. The identification and training of health care providers to diagnose and treat persons with infectious disease;

8. The vaccination of persons;

9. The treatment of persons who have been exposed to or who are infected with diseases or health conditions that may be the cause of a public health emergency;

10. The safe disposal of infectious wastes and human remains;

11. The safety and effective control of persons isolated, quarantined, vaccinated, tested, or treated during a state of public health emergency;

12. Tracking the source and outcomes of infected persons;

13. Ensuring that each city and county within the state identifies the following:

- a. sites where infected persons can be isolated or quarantined and conditions for isolation or quarantining,
- b. sites where medical supplies, food, and other essentials can be distributed to the population,
- c. sites where public health and emergency workers can be housed and fed, and
- d. routes and means of transportation of people and materials;

14. Cultural norms, values, religious principles, and traditions that may be relevant; and

15. Other measures necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

D. Staff assistance for the task force shall be provided upon request by the chair of the task force by the agency or agencies determined to be appropriate by the chair.

E. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but 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 of the task force shall be reimbursed by their employing agencies.

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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