

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 390

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to marriage and family; requiring testing for sickle cell anemia; creating the Task Force on Sickle Cell Anemia; providing for membership of task force; providing for appointment of chair and vice-chair; providing for meetings; providing for reimbursement for certain travel expenses; providing for staff support; setting forth duties of task force; providing for termination of task force; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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 Task Force on Sickle Cell Anemia.

B. The task force shall consist of ten (10) members to be appointed by July 1, 2001, as follows:

1. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint five members as follows:

- a. two members of the State Senate, and
 - b. three members representing the health care community;
- and

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

- a. two members of the House of Representatives, and
- b. three members representing the health care community.

C. The chair of the task force shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and shall be one of the

appointees of the President Pro Tempore. The vice-chair of the task force shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and shall be one of the appointees of the Speaker.

D. The task force shall meet at such times and places as it deems necessary to perform its duties as specified in this section. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. A majority of the members serving on the task force shall constitute a quorum.

E. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as follows:

1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body which they serve;

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

F. The Oklahoma State Senate and the House of Representatives shall provide such staff support as is required by the task force.

G. It shall be the duty of the task force to develop recommendations relating to the possibility of requiring testing for sickle cell anemia in order to obtain a marriage license and to conduct a comprehensive study of the effect it would have on the Department of Human Services and the fiscal impact of such a requirement.

H. The task force shall develop recommendations relating to the possibility of testing for sickle cell anemia as a prerequisite for obtaining a marriage license and make recommendations for any resulting legislation. The task force shall be terminated as of December 31, 2001.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

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