

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE BILL 820

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for Oklahoma Long-Term Care; providing for composition, appointment of members, officers, vacancies, terms and staffing; allowing for employment of and contracting with certain experts, and use of legislative staff; providing for convening of committee; providing for travel reimbursement; stating duties of committee; allowing appointment of subcommittees; providing for reports; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 1-1952 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for Oklahoma Long-Term Care.

B. The Committee shall be composed of five members from the Oklahoma State Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and five members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one member to serve as co-chair of the Committee. Members and co-chairs shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the appointing authority.

C. The Committee may use the expertise and services of the staffs of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives and may, as necessary, employ and contract for the

advice and services of experts in the field as well as other necessary professional and clerical staff.

D. The Committee shall be convened no less than four times a year.

E. Reimbursement for travel expenses shall be as provided by Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. The Committee shall review provisions related to long-term care in this state including, but not limited to, recommendations for the 48th Oklahoma Legislature from the Continuum of Care Task Force and any agency responses.

G. The Committee shall review and make recommendations concerning all proposals for long-term care services in this state.

H. The Committee may appoint subcommittees composed of citizens, providers and state agency representatives, in furtherance of its purpose.

I. The Committee shall periodically report its findings to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. 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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