

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 1592

By: Monson of the Senate

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An Act relating to public health and safety; stating legislative findings and declarations; creating the Legislative Task Force on Patient Safety; stating purpose; specifying examples of legislative or regulatory efforts; providing for task force composition, officers, staffing and reporting; sunseting task force; providing for noncodification; 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 not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma State Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

1. Reducing injuries in medical settings is essential to solving the current malpractice crisis;
2. Physicians must play an active role in developing systems to improve patient safety; and
3. It is in the best interest of the public and physicians for physicians to more actively work to improve patient care and reduce harm.

B. There is hereby created a Legislative Task Force on Patient Safety, the purpose of which shall be to study the feasibility of

legislative or regulatory efforts designed to improve patient safety. Such efforts shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Implementation of physician licensure requirements for risk management training;

2. Provision of premium discounts on malpractice insurance based on a doctor's performance;

3. Provision of partial subsidies of physicians' premiums under various health plans, Medicare and Medicaid in return for specific safety enhancements;

4. Investment by physicians in tools such as electronic prescribing aids and automated systems for tracking of tests; and

5. Collection and reporting of better information on patient safety in order to facilitate safety improvement and physician involvement.

C. The task force shall be composed of the chairs of:

1. The Senate Human Resources Committee;

2. The Senate Business and Labor Committee;

3. The Senate Judiciary Committee;

4. The House of Representatives Human Services Committee;

5. The House of Representatives Public Health Committee;

6. The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee;

7. Three members from the minority party of the Senate and three members from the minority party of the House of Representatives, designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively; and

8. In addition, the following Directors shall serve on the task force:

a. the Director of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision,

b. the Director of the Oklahoma Board of Osteopathic Examiners,

- c. the Director of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, and
- d. the director of a statewide association representing hospitals.

D. The chair of the Senate Human Resources Committee shall convene the first meeting of the task force on or before October 1, 2004. The chair of the House of Representatives Human Services Committee shall serve as cochair.

E. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the staffs of the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

F. The task force shall issue a report of its findings to the Legislature on or before January 31, 2005.

G. This task force shall sunset January 31, 2005.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

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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