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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Senate Bill No. 1591

SENATE BILL NO. 1591 - By: CAIN of the Senate and GILBERT of the House.

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending Section 1, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 2002, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 194, O.S.L. 2003 (63 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1-559.1), which relates to the Task Force on the Promotion of Children's Health; expanding Task Force duties; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 2002, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 194, O.S.L. 2003 (63 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1-559.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-559.1 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31, 2005, the Task Force on the Promotion of Children's Health.

B. The task force shall consist of twenty-five (25) members as follows:

1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint eight members as follows:

- a. one member of the Senate Human Resources Committee,
- b. one member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services,

- 1 c. a representative from the Women, Infants and Children
- 2 (WIC) Program within the State Department of Health,
- 3 d. a college professor in the area of allied nutrition,
- 4 e. a representative of the State Department of Education
- 5 Health, Safety and Physical Education section,
- 6 f. a pediatrician of African-American descent,
- 7 g. a representative from the Child and Adolescent Health
- 8 Division within the State Department of Health, and
- 9 h. a representative of the Oklahoma Health Care
- 10 Authority;

11 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
12 eight members as follows:

- 13 a. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- 14 Human Services Committee,
- 15 b. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- 16 Mental Health Committee,
- 17 c. a representative from an urban Indian health clinic,
- 18 d. a pediatric endocrinologist,
- 19 e. a child advocate representing Asian children,
- 20 f. a representative from the Department of Mental Health
- 21 and Substance Abuse Services,
- 22 g. the adolescent health program coordinator for the
- 23 State Department of Health, and

- 1 h. a representative of a statewide parent-teacher
2 organization; and
- 3 3. The Governor shall appoint nine members as follows:
- 4 a. a Doctor of Pharmacy,
- 5 b. a physical therapist or exercise therapist,
- 6 c. a child advocate representing Hispanic children,
- 7 d. a school counselor,
- 8 e. a local representative from a nationally recognized
9 organization representing grocery manufacturers,
- 10 f. a local representative from a nationally recognized
11 organization representing soft drink manufacturers,
- 12 g. a representative from the Governor's Council on
13 Physical Fitness and Sports,
- 14 h. the project director of Schools for Healthy
15 Lifestyles, and
- 16 i. the president of the Oklahoma Association of Health,
17 Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (OAHPERD).

18 C. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
19 authorities. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the
20 original appointing authority.

21 2. Appointments to the task force shall be made upon the
22 effective date of this act.

1 3. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute
2 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act
3 for the task force.

4 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
5 the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair from
6 among the members of the task force.

7 5. The cochairs of the task force shall convene the meetings of
8 the task force and shall determine a schedule of meetings each year.
9 The task force shall meet at least quarterly.

10 6. Proceedings of all meetings of the task force shall comply
11 with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

12 7. The task force may divide into subcommittees in furtherance
13 of its purpose.

14 D. 1. Staff of the Health, Safety and Physical Education
15 section within the State Department of Education and the Maternal
16 and Child Health Division within the State Department of Health
17 shall serve as primary resource staff for the task force.
18 Appropriate personnel from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and
19 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall
20 also assist with the work of the task force.

21 2. The task force may use the expertise and services of the
22 staffs of the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives
23 and may, as necessary, seek the advice and services of experts in

1 the field as well as other necessary professional and clerical
2 staff.

3 E. All departments, officers, agencies, and employees of this
4 state shall cooperate with the task force in fulfilling its duties
5 and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing any
6 information, records, or reports requested by the task force.

7 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
8 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

9 1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
10 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
11 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
12 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

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

17 G. It shall be the duty of the task force to formulate
18 recommendations related to children's health for the State of
19 Oklahoma and to serve as a clearinghouse for other promotional
20 efforts in this state related to children's health.

21 H. The task force shall publish a report of its findings and
22 recommendations, including recommendations for any resulting
23 legislation.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.
2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES, dated 2-12-04 -
3 DO PASS, As Coauthored.