STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2095: Sweeden

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to sunset; repealing 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 7007-1.1, 7007-1.2, 7007-1.3, 7007-1.4, and 7007-1.5, which relate to the Child Welfare System Reform Review Committee; repealing 43A O.S. 2001, Section 3-113.1, which relates to the Task Force on Behavioral Health; repealing Section 1, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 575), which relates to the Nursing Workforce Task Force; repealing Section 2, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 576), which relates to the Certified School Professional Nurse Staff Task Force; repealing 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-546.2 and 1-546.3, which relate to the Joint Legislative Task Force on Prenatal Addiction and Treatment; repealing 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-2701, which relates to the Telemedicine Advisory Council; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-2702, which relates to a statewide Oklahoma telemedicine network; deleting obsolete language; repealing 74 O.S. 2001, Section 8121, which relates to the Task Force on Electronic Commerce; repealing Section 1, Chapter 405, O.S.L. 2002, which relates to the Racial and Social Economic Statistical Analysis on Imprisonment Task Force; repealing Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2003, which relates to the Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Task Force; repealing Section 2, Chapter 216, O.S.L. 2003, which relates to the Special Task Force for Women Incarcerated in Oklahoma; repealing Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2003, which relates to the State Architectural Act Task Force; repealing Section 2, Chapter 367, O.S.L. 2003, which relates to the Task Force on Hospital Emergency Services and Trauma Care; repealing Section 3, Chapter 463, O.S.L. 2003, which relates to the Surface Damage Advisory Committee; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. REPEALER 10 O.S. 2001, Sections 7007-1.1, 7007-1.2, 7007-1.3, 7007-1.4, and 7007-1.5, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. REPEALER 43A O.S. 2001, Section 3-113.1, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 575), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. REPEALER Section 2, Chapter 329, O.S.L. 2002 (59 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 576), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-546.2 and 1-546.3, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-2701, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-2702, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-2702. A. 1. With available state or federal funds, the State Department of Health shall be the state entity responsible for telemedicine and development of a statewide Oklahoma telemedicine network. The Department shall also be responsible for the continued development and implementation of a statewide system for the delivery of medical and other health care services through a telehealth system.

2. In order to achieve these duties, the State Board of Health shall establish a separate office within the State Department of Health which shall be known as the Oklahoma Center for Telemedicine. The State Commissioner of Health shall appoint or employ a director of the office who shall report to the Commissioner and the Board. The Commissioner shall also employ such other personnel as necessary to carry out the duties of the Center. The director and other Center personnel shall have no other duties within the Department except those directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the Center.

3. The Center shall have the power and duty to:

a. assess the current status and needs of the telemedicine network and telehealth in the state,

b. utilize available state and federal funds to the maximum extent possible,

c. for the purposes of the continued development of telehealth services in the state, engage with any and all parties to encourage and assist communications between entities requiring telemedicine services and entities offering or providing telemedicine services,

d. resolve problems and otherwise improve the delivery of telemedicine services,

e. assist and facilitate the coordination efforts of hospitals and other health care facilities and providers in the development and delivery of telemedicine services,

f. explore ways to provide reimbursement to providers for telehealth services,

g. explore the feasibility of providing health education services through a telehealth system,

h. study issues of compatibility of technology, and

i. establish and maintain a website and a clearinghouse for grant information as provided by Section 1-2703 of this title.

B. The Department shall enter into agreements with appropriate entities to provide the Center with assistance in carrying out the provisions of this section.

C. The director of the Center may form advisory groups as is necessary to work with the Center ~~or, upon its request, the Telemedicine Advisory Council~~ on telehealth issues.

D. ~~The Center shall work in conjunction and in consultation with the Telemedicine Advisory Council created in Section 1-2701 of this title.~~

~~E.~~ The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the teleradiology responsibilities outlined in this section. The rules shall be based on the American College of Radiology Standards for Teleradiology.

SECTION 8. REPEALER 74 O.S. 2001, Section 8121, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 405, O.S.L. 2002, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2003, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. REPEALER Section 2, Chapter 216, O.S.L. 2003, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. REPEALER Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2003, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. REPEALER Section 2, Chapter 367, O.S.L. 2003, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. REPEALER Section 3, Chapter 463, O.S.L. 2003, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

SECTION 16. 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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