

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1010

By: Paddack and Lawler of the
Senate

and

Cox of the House

[state government - Health Care Workforce Resources

Act - Health Care Workforce Resources Center -

codification -

effective date]

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 3200.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Health Care Workforce Resources Act".

B. There is hereby created the Health Care Workforce Resources Center whose purpose shall be to coordinate, facilitate and communicate statewide efforts to meet supply and demand needs for Oklahoma's health care workforce. The initial focus for the Center shall include health care professionals in short supply including, but not limited to:

1. Nurses;
2. Respiratory therapists;
3. Pharmacists;
4. Imaging technologists;
5. Medical laboratory technologists and technicians;
6. Surgical and scrub technicians; and
7. Physical therapists.

C. The Center shall further focus on:

1. Data collection to support strategic decisions and policy recommendations, to measure and evaluate efforts over time, and to certify on an ongoing basis:

- a. current health care worker supply and demand,
- b. future supply and demand,
- c. gap analysis;

2. Education and training to ensure Oklahoma's current education and training systems have the resources and support necessary to produce the number of health care workers needed in both the short and long term;

3. Recruitment to increase the level of awareness among Oklahoma's youth and adults of the opportunities available in health care, thereby increasing the number of individuals entering health careers; and

4. Retention to improve the job satisfaction and retention rates for Oklahoma health care employees.

D. The Center shall be organized as a 501(c)3 organization and shall be governed by a governing board appointed by the Governor from lists of names submitted by following:

1. A statewide association representing hospitals;
2. A statewide association representing nurses;
3. The Regents for Higher Education;
4. The Career Technology Board;
5. The State Board of Education;
6. The Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic

Development; and

7. The College of Allied Health within the University of Oklahoma.

E. Staffing shall consist of an executive director, selected by the governing board, and an associate director/recruiter and administrative assistant hired by the executive director. The executive director shall report to the governing board and shall be

responsible for all activities of the Center including contracting for services that include, but are not limited to, data collection and analysis and Web support.

F. The Center may accept federal or state appropriations, grants and fees from products.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2005.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives