

CS for SB 1636

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Tuesday, February 28, 2006

3 Committee Substitute for
4 Senate Bill No. 1636

5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1636 - By: JOHNSON
6 (Constance) of the Senate and BILLY of the House.

7 [public health and safety - State Department of Health -
8 Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative - codification -
9 effective date]

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

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-560.2 of Title 63, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 Through the findings of the Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate
15 Health Disparities, the Legislature determines that disparities
16 exist across all aspects of health, including quality and
17 effectiveness, access and utilization, various health conditions,
18 health care settings and within many subpopulations, including
19 women, children, elderly, persons with disabilities, rural areas and
20 individuals with special health care needs and that there is a lack
21 of Oklahoma-specific data coordinated for policy decisions on health
22 disparities, and that making this data readily available to decision
23 makers is essential to create effective health policy for the state
24 to develop more effective and targeted public health interventions
25 and improve the overall state of the state's health.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-560.3 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. 1. The Director of the Center for Health Statistics within
5 the State Department of Health, in ongoing collaboration with the
6 Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities, shall
7 coordinate agency and other state personnel with knowledge and
8 experience related to data integration for the establishment and
9 maintenance of a system to access integrated health data to be known
10 as the "Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative."

11 2. The Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative shall
12 initially be administered and maintained within the Center for
13 Health Statistics with the intent that the Oklahoma Integrated
14 Health Data Initiative ultimately be located in a neutral non-
15 service provision organization.

16 3. The Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities
17 shall serve as the Advisory Committee for the Oklahoma Integrated
18 Health Data Initiative.

19 B. The purpose of the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data
20 Initiative is to serve as a coordinating unit for studies concerning
21 state and federal health disparities information and to inform and
22 support Oklahoma health policy officials by administering data
23 linkage requests among agencies, forming collaborating partnerships

1 with agencies and research groups to carry out special studies and
2 research projects related to health and socioeconomic issues in
3 Oklahoma, educating policy makers and other data users about the
4 availability and appropriate use of information, and providing
5 technical expertise for the development and maintenance of a
6 standardized process for geocoding and the assignment of randomized
7 patient identifiers to reduce the use of personal identifiers and
8 promote security.

9 C. Policy development and access to data under the Oklahoma
10 Integrated Health Data Initiative is contingent upon the
11 availability of funding to support projects under the initiative.

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-560.4 of Title 63, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. To facilitate operation of the Oklahoma Integrated Health
16 Data Initiative, the Center for Health Statistics is authorized to
17 integrate data sets collected pursuant to Section 1-118 of this
18 title and to facilitate access to such integrated data.

19 B. Data under subsection A of this Section shall include but
20 not be limited to:

- 21 1. Public health databases;
- 22 2. Health care utilization data;

1 3. Financial data related to the procurement of health or
2 health care related services; entities including, but not limited
3 to, other state agencies and departments, nonstate entities,
4 external vendors, and other entities as identified by the Oklahoma
5 Integrated Health Data Initiative;

6 4. Data collected and maintained under the Oklahoma Health Care
7 Information System Act of 2002; and

8 5. Other data sources supported and maintained with state
9 funds.

10 C. The Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative shall develop
11 a plan to integrate pertinent databases identified by the
12 Commissioner of Health within the State Department of Health first,
13 as well as databases from those agencies represented on the Data
14 Subcommittee of the Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health
15 Disparities through 2007. When the system is developed, the
16 Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative will request databases
17 from state agencies and departments, nonstate entities, external
18 vendors, and other entities as identified by the Oklahoma Integrated
19 Health Data Initiative.

20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-560.5 of Title 63, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Health Care
2 Authority, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
3 Services, the Department of Human Services, the Insurance
4 Department, and all other appropriate departments, agencies,
5 subcontractors, and officers shall promulgate rules necessary to
6 implement the provisions of this act.

7 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-15-06 - DO
9 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.