

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1833

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to telecommunications; creating the Task Force on Emergency Wireless Telecommunications Coverage; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for membership; providing for appointments, meetings, officers, travel reimbursements, and staffing; stating duties of the Task Force; requiring a report by certain date; providing for noncodification; 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. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 2006, the Task Force on Emergency Wireless Telecommunications Coverage. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study wireless telecommunications coverage in the state and how it effects the deployment of emergency service.

B. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

2. One member of the State Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

3. One member who represents a substate planning district as defined in Section 2843 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, appointed by the Governor;

4. Two members who represent wireless service providers, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

5. Two members who represent municipal governments, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

6. The Oklahoma Secretary of Safety and Security, or a designee.

C. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than July 1, 2005. The first meeting of the Task Force shall be called by the Oklahoma Secretary of Safety and Security. Subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the chair or vice-chair. The chair and vice-chair of the Task Force shall be elected by the members at the first meeting of the Task Force.

D. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies or appointing authority for their necessary travel expenses in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. Staffing for the Task Force shall be performed by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate.

F. The Task Force shall study the following issues and make a report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate by February 1, 2006:

1. Determine the location of cellular towers in the state and the areas of the state where wireless service is not available;

2. Determine if there are portions of the state highway system where wireless service is not available and how it effects the delivery of emergency services in the area;

3. Study issues relating to the siting of and regulation of cellular towers; and

4. Make recommendations on incentives designed to encourage wireless service providers to locate cellular towers and offer wireless service in areas of the state where wireless service is not currently available.

SECTION 2. 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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