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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution establishing the Task Force on Childhood Obesity; specifying membership and duties of task force; specifying scope of study; specifying reimbursement for expenses of members; requiring report; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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 February 1, 2007, the Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

B. The Task Force shall consist of thirty-one (31) members as follows:

1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint fourteen members, with one member from each of the following organizations or professions:

- a. the Health and Human Resources Committee of the Senate,
- b. the Subcommittee on Health and Social Services of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate,
- c. secondary school administrators,
- d. a cancer society,
- e. a heart association,
- f. a diabetes association,
- g. an advocacy group for affordable health care,
- h. school health professionals,

- i. physical education educators,
- j. the food industry,
- k. the Oklahoma dairy industry,
- l. a physical activity organization,
- m. a health advocacy organization, and
- n. the Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint fourteen members, with one member from each of the following organizations or professions:

- a. the Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives,
- b. the Mental Health Committee of the House of Representatives,
- c. an organization of school principals,
- d. an organization of allopathic physicians,
- e. a public health advocacy organization,
- f. providers of oral health care,
- g. an organization of osteopathic doctors,
- h. food service workers,
- i. nurses,
- j. health insurers,
- k. dietitians,
- l. a parent-teacher organization,
- m. Oklahoma bottlers and distributors of beverages, and
- n. a doctoral-level nutritionist;

3. The Attorney General or a designee;

4. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee; and

5. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or a designee.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Department of Human Services, or designees, shall serve as nonvoting members.

C. The first-named Senate member and the first-named House of Representatives member shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force no later than fifteen (15) days after appointment of all members. Proceedings of all meetings of the Task Force shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The Task Force may divide into subcommittees in furtherance of the purpose of the Task Force.

D. The Task Force shall study obesity in the state and methods to decrease the cost of health care and improve the health of children. The Task Force shall specifically include in the study:

1. An analysis of whether schools are meeting modern nutrition standards for school meals and food and drinks offered on school property and, if not, an analysis of the strategies available to encourage more nutritious offerings;

2. An analysis of physical education standards in Oklahoma schools from 1970 to present;

3. A review of general trends in schools and a determination of which trends contribute to the rising rates of obesity in this state, and strategies for addressing physical activity issues;

4. A determination of the benefits of requiring elementary and middle school students to participate in one hundred fifty (150) minutes of physical activity per week outside of recess, and high school students to participate in two hundred twenty (220) minutes of physical activity per week, and establishing a physical education consultant position within the Department of Education;

5. An analysis of the current nutrition education for students, teachers, staff and parents through coordinated school health

programs, and strategies to improve awareness of the causes that lead to childhood obesity;

6. An analysis of the serving sizes for lunches distributed to children in schools and a determination of healthful portions for the food served;

7. A review of the incentives or rewards used by schools, and a determination of whether food and beverages are used as incentives or rewards for children in a school setting;

8. A review of advertising for foods and beverages on school grounds, and a determination of whether advertising, other than advertising for healthy foods and beverages, should be prohibited on school grounds;

9. An analysis of the time period allotted by the schools for lunch, and a determination of a beneficial amount of time for the lunch period;

10. An analysis of posting nutritional information for menu items, including age-appropriate daily values, total calories, saturated and total fat percentages, sodium content, sugar content and total carbohydrate content;

11. Research with the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry on implementing a school program to provide local fruits and vegetables in schools; and

12. Research with the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry on implementing a pilot program to install dairy vending machines selling flavored and unflavored milk with one percent (1%) or less fat in schools.

E. The Task Force may use the expertise and services of the staffs of the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives and may, as necessary, seek the advice and services of experts in the field as well as other necessary professional and clerical staff.

F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for services, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

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

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

G. The Task Force shall make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding ways to prevent childhood obesity.

H. The Task Force shall issue a report of the recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor no later than January 1, 2007.

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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