

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1636

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; stating findings; authorizing the Oklahoma State Department of Health to establish and maintain the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative; requiring the Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities to serve as a certain advisory committee; stating purpose of Oklahoma Integrated Data Initiative; authorizing certain access to specified information and data; requiring certain integration of specified information and data; authorizing certain parties to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an 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 1-560.2 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Through the findings of the Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities, the Legislature determines that there is a lack of Oklahoma-specific data coordinated for policy decisions on health disparities, and that making this data readily available to decision makers is essential to the creation of effective health policy for the state and improving the overall state of the state's health.

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

A. 1. The Director of the Center for Health Statistics within the State Department of Health, in ongoing collaboration with the Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities, shall establish and maintain a system to access integrated health data to be known as the "Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative."

2. The Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative shall be administered and maintained within the Center for Health Statistics.

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

B. The purpose of the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative is to serve as an access point for studies concerning state and federal health disparities information and to inform and support Oklahoma health policy officials.

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

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

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

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

1. Public health databases;
2. Health care utilization data;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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