

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 51st Legislature (2008)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2833

By: Steele, BigHorse, Brannon,
Collins, Hoskin, Kiesel,
McMullen, Pittman and
Sherrer of the House

7 and

8 Rice, Williamson, Burrage,
9 Garrison and Johnson
(Constance) of the Senate

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12 An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 1,
13 Chapter 95, O.S.L. 2007 (56 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
14 245), which relates to the Oklahoma Task Force on
15 Hunger; creating the Oklahoma Food Security Act;
16 changing the name of the task force to the Oklahoma
17 Food Security Committee; modifying duties; increasing
membership; requiring annual report; providing for
18 certain partnership to generate funding; providing
19 for codification; providing an effective date; and
20 declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 95, O.S.L. 2007
(56 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 245), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 245. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as
24 the "Oklahoma Food Security Act".

1 B. There is hereby created ~~until December 31, 2007,~~ the
2 Oklahoma ~~Task Force on Hunger~~ Food Security Committee to continue
3 until December 31, 2012. The ~~task force shall consider, but not be~~
4 ~~limited to, making recommendations about the following~~ purpose of
5 the Committee is to identify, implement and monitor ways to:

6 1. ~~Strategies for coordinating~~ Coordinate services among
7 federal, state, faith-based and nonprofit organizations;

8 2. ~~Strategies for extending~~ Extend existing programs and
9 outreach efforts to serve more people;

10 3. ~~Strategies to involve~~ Involve schools ~~to identify in~~
11 identifying and ~~improve~~ improving students' access to sufficient and
12 nutritious food;

13 4. ~~Strategies to connect~~ Connect eligible hungry people with
14 existing programs;

15 5. ~~Recommendations for provider accountability~~ Support
16 community food security initiatives in Oklahoma communities and
17 encourage food production on the local level;

18 6. ~~Recommendations for funding sources to implement the~~
19 ~~recommendations~~ Encourage the use of home and community gardens for
20 food production; and

21 7. ~~Recommendations for legislation to implement the findings of~~
22 ~~the task force~~ Support efforts to provide farmers' markets with the
23 technology for accepting food stamps;

1 8. Collect and compile detailed county and community data
2 relating to food security issues;

3 9. Apply for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
4 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Senior Farmers' Market
5 Nutrition Programs in Oklahoma;

6 10. Support creative transportation methods for connecting at-
7 risk populations with nutritious foods; and

8 11. Eliminate sales tax at farmers' markets.

9 ~~B. C.~~ The task force Committee shall be composed of ~~fifteen~~
10 ~~(15)~~ seventeen (17) members as follows:

11 1. The Secretary of Health or a designee;

12 2. The Director of the Department of Human Services or a
13 designee;

14 3. The State Commissioner of Health or a designee;

15 4. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
16 Services or a designee;

17 5. The Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority or a
18 designee;

19 6. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a
20 designee;

21 7. The Secretary of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
22 Food, and Forestry or a designee;

23 8. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce or a
24 designee;

1 9. One member appointed by the Governor from a list submitted
2 by a nonprofit regional food bank organization representing central
3 and western Oklahoma;

4 ~~8.~~ 10. One member appointed by the Governor from a list
5 submitted by a nonprofit regional food bank organization
6 representing eastern Oklahoma;

7 ~~9.~~ 11. One member appointed by the Governor from a list
8 submitted by a statewide organization of child advocates;

9 ~~10.~~ 12. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
10 the Senate representing faith-based organizations involved in hunger
11 programs;

12 ~~11.~~ 13. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore from
13 a list submitted by a comprehensive antipoverty agency whose mission
14 is to help families in need achieve self-sufficiency;

15 ~~12.~~ 14. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives from a list submitted by a statewide organization
17 representing senior citizens;

18 ~~13.~~ 15. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives from a list submitted by a nonprofit educational
20 organization that assists in developing sustainable food and farming
21 systems; and

22 ~~14.~~ 16. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives from a list submitted by a nonprofit organization
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1 committed to effective solutions and key policies which affect
2 hunger and poverty.

3 ~~C.~~ D. The members of the ~~task-force~~ Committee shall select a
4 chair and vice-chair from among its membership. A quorum of the
5 ~~task-force~~ Committee shall be required ~~in order~~ for any final action
6 of the ~~task-force~~ Committee.

7 ~~D.~~ E. The ~~task-force~~ Committee may meet as often as may be
8 required in order to perform the duties imposed upon it.

9 ~~E.~~ F. The meetings of the ~~task-force~~ Committee shall be subject
10 to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

11 ~~F.~~ G. Members of the ~~task-force~~ Committee shall receive no
12 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for
13 reasonable and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance
14 of their duties by their respective agency pursuant to the
15 provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Members appointed
16 by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be reimbursed by the
18 Department of Human Services pursuant to the provisions of the State
19 Travel Reimbursement Act.

20 ~~G.~~ H. Staff support for the ~~task-force~~ Committee shall be
21 provided by the Department of Human Services.

22 ~~H.~~ I. The ~~task-force~~ Committee shall submit a report of its
23 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the
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1 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
2 by December 31, ~~2007~~ of each year.

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 245.1 of Title 56, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The Oklahoma Department of Commerce in conjunction with the
7 Oklahoma Food Security Committee shall work with public and private
8 partnerships to secure funding to increase the capacity of
9 Oklahoma's food security initiatives.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

11 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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