

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1818

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
9 the Task Force on Health Care Information Technology;
10 providing for membership; providing for appointment
11 of cochairs; providing for travel reimbursement;
12 providing for administrative support; providing for
13 duties; requiring certain reports; providing for
14 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
15 declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
18 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

19 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,
20 2008, the "Task Force on Health Care Information Technology".

21 B. The Task Force shall consist of twenty-three (23) members:

22 1. Five members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

23 a. one member of a statewide association representing
24 urban hospitals,

- b. one member who is an attorney knowledgeable in health care law,
- c. one representative from an intertribal health board,
- d. one representative from the Oklahoma State University Center for Rural Health, and
- e. one representative from the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health with expertise in health care information systems;

2. Six members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:

- a. one member from a statewide association representing nursing homes,
- b. one member from a statewide association representing allopathic physicians,
- c. one member from a primary care association,
- d. one member of a statewide association representing rural hospitals,
- e. one member from a statewide association representing osteopathic physicians, and
- f. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

3. Six members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate as follows:

- a. one member from a statewide association representing pharmacists,

- b. one member from a statewide association representing mental health advocates,
- c. one member from a regional health information organization,
- d. one member from the Oklahoma Nurses Association,
- e. one member from a statewide association representing health plans, and
- f. one member of the State Senate;

4. The Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

5. The Commissioner of Insurance, or a designee;

6. A representative of the Office of State Finance, designated by the Director of State Finance;

7. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;

8. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or a designee; and

9. The Administrator of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, or a designee.

C. The appointed member from the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the appointed member from the State Senate shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a

1 vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as
2 necessary.

3 D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 1,
4 2007.

5 E. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute
6 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act
7 for the Task Force.

8 F. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
9 by their respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred
10 in the performance of duties pursuant to the provisions of the State
11 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the Task Force
12 shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the
13 performance of duties in accordance with the provisions of Section
14 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 G. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not
16 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of
17 the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be provided
18 by the State Department of Health to be supplemented, if necessary,
19 by the state agencies involved in the Task Force, and the staff of
20 the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate. All
21 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative
22 support requested by the Task Force.

23 H. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations
24 regarding:

- 1 1. Strategies for reducing health care costs by decreasing the
- 2 redundancy of health care services;
- 3 2. Strategies for the implementation of sharing health data
- 4 among health care providers and other appropriate entities;
- 5 3. Strategies for ensuring patient confidentiality and privacy;
- 6 4. The minimum standards of interoperability;
- 7 5. The recommendations for the development of a regional health
- 8 information organization; and
- 9 6. Funding sources to implement the recommendations.

10 I. The Task Force shall publish an initial report of findings
11 and recommendations by December 31, 2007, and a final report by
12 December 31, 2008, including recommendations for any resulting
13 legislation.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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