

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1929

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
9 the Task Force on the Sale of Nonprofit Hospitals;
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 report; 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 2007, the "Task Force on the Sale of Nonprofit Hospitals".

21 B. The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members:

22 1. Two members of a statewide association, one of whom
23 represents an urban hospital and one of whom represents rural
24 hospitals, to be appointed by the Governor;

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

3 a. one member who is a chief executive officer of an
4 urban area hospital,

5 b. one member who is a chief executive officer of a rural
6 area hospital, and

7 c. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

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

10 a. one member who is a chief executive officer of an
11 urban area hospital,

12 b. one member who is a chief executive officer of a rural
13 area hospital, and

14 c. one member of the State Senate;

15 4. The Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

16 5. The Commissioner of Insurance, or a designee; and

17 6. The Oklahoma Attorney General, or a designee.

18 C. The appointed member from the Oklahoma House of
19 Representatives and the appointed member from the State Senate shall
20 serve as cochairs of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the
21 first meeting of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force
22 shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a
23 vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as
24 necessary.

1 D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 1,
2 2007.

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

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

13 G. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not
14 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of
15 the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be provided
16 by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to be supplemented, if
17 necessary, by the state agencies involved in the Task Force.

18 H. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations
19 regarding the appropriate role of state oversight in the acquisition
20 of hospitals owned by nonprofit corporations.

21 I. The Task Force shall publish a report of findings and
22 recommendations by December 31, 2007, including recommendations for
23 any resulting legislation.

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

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

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