

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1994

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating  
9 the Task Force on the Status of Statewide Minority  
10 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired  
11 Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Program; providing  
12 for membership; providing for appointment of  
13 cochairs; providing for travel reimbursement;  
14 providing for administrative support; providing for  
15 duties; requiring certain report; providing for  
16 noncodification; providing an effective date; and  
17 declaring an emergency.

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

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

21 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 15,  
22 2007, the "Task Force on the Status of Statewide Minority Human  
23 Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
24 (AIDS) Program".

B. The Task Force shall consist of thirteen (13) members:

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

- 1           a. one member representing the African American  
2            population,  
3           b. one member representing the Native American population,  
4            and  
5           c. one member representing the Latin American population;
- 6        2. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
7 Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:
- 8           a. one member from a nonprofit organization that provides  
9            minority-focused Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
10           screening, and  
11          b. two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 12        3. Three members shall be appointed by the President Pro  
13 Tempore of the State Senate as follows:
- 14           a. one member who is an individual diagnosed with Human  
15            Immunodeficiency Virus or Acquired Immune Deficiency  
16            Syndrome, and  
17          b. two members of the State Senate;
- 18        4. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and  
19 Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;
- 20        5. The Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or a  
21 designee;
- 22        6. The Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or a  
23 designee; and  
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1           7. The Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or  
2 a designee.

3           C. The appointed members from the Oklahoma House of  
4 Representatives and the appointed members from the State Senate  
5 shall determine which members shall serve as cochairs of the Task  
6 Force. The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of the Task  
7 Force by July 15, 2007. The members of the Task Force shall elect  
8 any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in  
9 any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary.

10          D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 15,  
11 2007.

12          E. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute  
13 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act  
14 for the Task Force.

15          F. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed  
16 by their respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred  
17 in the performance of duties pursuant to the provisions of the State  
18 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the Task Force  
19 shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the  
20 performance of duties in accordance with the provisions of Section  
21 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22          G. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not  
23 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of  
24 the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be provided

1 by the State Department of Health to be supplemented, if necessary,  
2 by the state agencies involved in the Task Force, and the staff of  
3 the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate. All  
4 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative  
5 support requested by the Task Force.

6 H. The Task Force shall:

7 1. Assess the problem of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and  
8 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in our minority community  
9 including the availability of access to testing and treatment;

10 2. Review programs nationally that have had success in  
11 promoting Human Immunodeficiency Virus testing and lowering Human  
12 Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
13 infections; and

14 3. In coordination with the State Department of Health,  
15 identify funds available from the state and federal government that  
16 may be used as grants for a pilot program for innovative and  
17 effective strategies to promote Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
18 testing.

19 I. The Task Force shall hold two statewide hearings, one in  
20 Oklahoma City and one in Tulsa, to allow the public to present all  
21 views and concerns regarding Human Immunodeficiency Virus and  
22 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

23 J. The Task Force shall publish a report of findings and  
24 recommendations by December 1, 2007, including recommendations for

1 any resulting legislation or actions the state can implement to  
2 increase Human Immunodeficiency Virus testing and Human  
3 Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
4 awareness.

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

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

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