

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1999

By: Aldridge of the Senate

and

6 Wright of the House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to state government; creating the  
11 Task Force on the Administration of State Group  
12 Health Insurance Plans and State Employees Benefits;  
13 providing for appointment of members; providing for  
14 membership; providing for election of chair and vice-  
15 chair; providing for staffing; providing for travel  
16 reimbursement; stating duties; providing for report  
17 on findings and recommendations; providing for  
18 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

22 A. There is hereby created the Task Force on the Administration  
23 of State Group Health Insurance Plans and State Employees Benefits.  
24 The task force shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

1. Six members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
the Senate:

- a. three of whom shall be members of the State Senate,
- b. one of whom shall be an active state employee,
- c. one of whom shall be a retired educator, and
- d. one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Health Plans;

2. Six members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House:

- a. three of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives,
- b. one of whom shall be an active Education Insurance Coordinator,
- c. one of whom shall be a retired state employee, and
- d. one of whom shall be a provider of health care services; and

3. The Insurance Commissioner or designee.

B. The initial meeting of the task force shall be called jointly by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At the initial meeting the task force shall elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair.

C. A simple majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. A quorum of the task force must be present in order for the task force to take any official action including the adoption of a final report.

D. The task force shall meet as often as may be required to perform the duties imposed upon it.

1 E. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the State  
2 Senate and the House of Representatives. The State and Education  
3 Employees Group Insurance Board and the Oklahoma State Employees  
4 Benefits Council shall provide staff support for the task force upon  
5 request.

6 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
7 serving on the task force, but may receive travel reimbursement as  
8 follows:

9 1. Legislative members of the task force may be reimbursed for  
10 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
11 duties, in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
12 Statutes, from the legislative body in which they serve; and

13 2. Other members of the task force may be reimbursed for travel  
14 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their  
15 respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State  
16 Travel Reimbursement Act.

17 G. The task force shall:

18 1. Conduct a comprehensive review of the functions, operations  
19 and services of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance  
20 Board and the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council;

21 2. Determine if there is a duplication of effort in the  
22 functions, operations and services of the State and Education  
23 Employees Group Insurance Board and the Oklahoma State Employees  
24 Benefits Council; and

1           3. Determine if opportunities exist for the functions of the  
2 functions, operations and services of the State and Education  
3 Employees Group Insurance Board and the Oklahoma State Employees  
4 Benefits Council to be streamlined, restructured or consolidated.

5           H. The task force shall submit a report on the findings and  
6 recommendations of the task force to the President Pro Tempore of  
7 the State Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no  
8 later than December 31, 2008.

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

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