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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

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9 [Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease on
10 Oklahoma - noncodification -
11 emergency]

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

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

16 A. There is hereby created to continue until June 1, 2009, the
17 Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease on Oklahoma. The
18 purpose of the Task Force shall be to assess the current and future
19 impact of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia on the
20 residents of the State of Oklahoma; to examine the existing
21 industries, services and resources addressing the needs of persons
22 living with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers; and
23 to develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to this public
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1 health crisis. The Task Force shall consist of sixteen (16)
2 members, to be appointed as follows:

3 1. Four shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
4 of Representatives as follows:

5 a. one shall be a person who has been diagnosed with
6 Alzheimer's disease,

7 b. one shall be a representative of the health care
8 provider community,

9 c. one shall be a representative of the adult day
10 services industry, and

11 d. one shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of
12 Representatives;

13 2. Four shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
14 State Senate as follows:

15 a. one shall be a caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's
16 disease,

17 b. one shall be a representative of the assisted living
18 industry,

19 c. one shall be a scientist who specializes in
20 Alzheimer's research, and

21 d. one shall be a member of the State Senate;

22 3. Three shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

23 a. one shall be a family member of a person living with
24 Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia,

1 b. one shall be a representative of the nursing facility
2 industry, and

3 c. one shall be a person active in the state chapter of
4 the Alzheimer's Association; and

5 4. Five shall be public sector representatives as follows:

6 a. the Commissioner of the Oklahoma State Department of
7 Health, or designee,

8 b. the Director of the Department of Human Services, or
9 designee,

10 c. the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health
11 and Substance Abuse Services, or designee,

12 d. the Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health
13 Care Authority, or designee, and

14 e. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment
15 Security Commission, or designee.

16 Task Force members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
17 authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the
18 original appointing authority.

19 B. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
20 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall each designate a co-
21 chair from among the members of the Task Force. A majority of the
22 members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to do business.
23 The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the
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1 Task Force as necessary to assist the Task Force in the performance
2 of its duties.

3 C. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
4 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

5 1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed in
6 accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the
7 Oklahoma Statutes; and

8 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
9 by their appointing authorities pursuant to the State Travel
10 Reimbursement Act.

11 D. The Task Force shall include an examination of the following
12 in its assessment and recommendations:

13 1. State trends in the number of persons living with
14 Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and the needs of
15 those persons;

16 2. The state's role in providing long-term care, family
17 caregiver support, and other forms of assistance to persons with
18 early-stage and early onset of Alzheimer's;

19 3. State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and
20 developmental disabilities;

21 4. Existing services, resources, and capacity, including but
22 not limited to the:

23 a. type, cost and availability of dementia services,
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- b. dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff,
- c. quality care measures for residential care facilities,
- d. capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease,
- e. availability of home- and community-based resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the availability of respite care for families,
- f. inventory of long-term care dementia care units,
- g. adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia,
- h. assisted living residential options for persons with dementia, and
- i. state support of Alzheimer's research; and

5. Needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and supports for persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related disorders and strategies to address identified gaps in services.

E. The Task Force shall issue a report of its recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor no later than January 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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