

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 HOUSE BILL 1818

By: Martin (Scott), (Pittman  
and Shelton) of the House

6 and

7 Leftwich of the Senate

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating  
11 the Task Force on Health Care Information Technology;  
12 providing for membership; providing for appointment  
13 of cochairs; providing for travel reimbursement;  
14 providing for administrative support; providing for  
15 duties; requiring certain reports; 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 31,  
22 2008, the "Task Force on Health Care Information Technology".

23 B. The Task Force shall consist of twenty-five (25) members:

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

- a. one urban hospital member from a statewide association representing urban and rural 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,
- e. one representative from the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health with expertise in health care information systems, and
- f. one member from an Indian tribe with expertise in health information exchange networks consisting of federal, state, and tribal governmental entities;

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 rural hospital member from a statewide association representing urban and rural hospitals,
- e. one member from a statewide association representing osteopathic physicians, and

- 1           f.    one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
- 2           3.   Six members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
- 3 of the Senate as follows:
- 4           a.    one member from a statewide association representing
- 5                 pharmacists,
- 6           b.    one member from a statewide association representing
- 7                 mental health advocates,
- 8           c.    one member from a regional health information
- 9                 organization,
- 10          d.    one member from the Oklahoma Nurses Association,
- 11          e.    one member from a statewide association representing
- 12                 health plans, and
- 13          f.    one member of the Senate;
- 14          4.   The President of the Oklahoma Hospital Association or
- 15          designee;
- 16          5.   The Commissioner of Health, or a designee;
- 17          6.   The Commissioner of Insurance, or a designee;
- 18          7.   A representative of the Office of State Finance, designated
- 19          by the Director of the Office of State Finance;
- 20          8.   The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and
- 21          Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;
- 22          9.   The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care
- 23          Authority, or a designee; and
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1           10. The Administrator of the State and Education Employees  
2 Group Insurance Board, or a designee.

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

9           D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 1,  
10 2007.

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

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

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

1 by the state agencies involved in the Task Force, and the staff of  
2 the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Senate. All  
3 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative  
4 support requested by the Task Force.

5 H. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations  
6 regarding:

7 1. Strategies for reducing health care costs by decreasing the  
8 redundancy of health care services;

9 2. Strategies for the implementation of sharing health data  
10 among health care providers and other appropriate entities,  
11 including reviewing the Northeast Oklahoma Smart Net Project;

12 3. Strategies for ensuring patient confidentiality and privacy;

13 4. The minimum standards of interoperability;

14 5. The recommendations for the facilitation of a health  
15 information exchange; and

16 6. Funding sources to implement the recommendations.

17 I. The Task Force shall publish an initial report of findings  
18 and recommendations by December 31, 2007, and a final report by  
19 December 31, 2008, including recommendations for any resulting  
20 legislation.

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

22 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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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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