

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 2186

By: Ivester and Sparks of the
Senate

and

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the House

An Act relating to Alzheimer's disease; creating the Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Oklahoma; providing expiration date; stating purpose; providing for appointments; specifying date by which appointments are made; providing for vacancies; providing for designation of cochairs; specifying quorum; providing for meetings and staffing; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring examination of certain information; requiring report; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. There is hereby created to continue until June 1, 2010, the Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Oklahoma. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to:

1. Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Oklahoma;

2. Examine the existing industries, services and resources addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers; and

3. Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to this public health crisis.

B. The Task Force shall consist of sixteen (16) members, to be appointed as follows:

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

- a. one shall be a person who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease,
- b. one shall be a representative of the health care provider community,
- c. one shall be a representative of the adult day services industry, and
- d. one shall be a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

2. Four shall be appointed by the President and Co-President Pro Tempore of the State Senate as follows:

- a. one shall be a caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease,
- b. one shall be a representative of the assisted living industry,
- c. one shall be a scientist who specializes in Alzheimer's research, and
- d. one shall be a member of the State Senate;

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

- a. one shall be a family member of a person living with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia,
- b. one shall be a representative of the nursing facility industry, and
- c. one shall be a person active in the state chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and

4. Five shall be public sector representatives as follows:

- a. the Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or designee,
- b. the Director of the Department of Human Services, or designee,
- c. the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or designee,
- d. the Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or designee, and
- e. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, or designee.

C. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by September 1, 2008. Task Force members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

D. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President and Co-President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall each designate a cochair from among the members of the Task Force. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the Task Force as necessary to assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a. type, cost and availability of dementia services,
- 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.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective August 1, 2008.

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

Passed the Senate the 28th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives