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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1829

SENATE BILL NO. 1829 - By: EASON McINTYRE and JOHNSON (Constance) of the Senate and PITTMAN of the House.

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Task Force on the Status of Statewide Minority Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Program; providing for membership; providing for appointment of cochairs; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for administrative support; providing for duties; requiring certain 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 December 1, 2008, the "Task Force on the Status of Statewide Minority Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Program".

B. The task force shall consist of thirteen (13) members:

- 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:
 - a. one member representing the African American population,
 - b. one member representing the Native American population, and
 - c. one member representing the Latin American population;

1 2. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House
2 of Representatives as follows:

3 a. one member from a nonprofit organization that provides
4 minority-focused Human Immunodeficiency Virus
5 screening, and

6 b. two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

7 3. Three members shall be appointed by the President Pro-
8 Tempore of the Senate as follows:

9 a. one member who is an individual diagnosed with Human
10 Immunodeficiency Virus or Acquired Immune Deficiency
11 Syndrome, and

12 b. two members of the State Senate;

13 4. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
14 Services, or a designee;

15 5. The State Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

16 6. The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care
17 Authority, or a designee; and

18 7. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a
19 designee.

20 C. The appointed members from the Oklahoma House of
21 Representatives and the appointed members from the State Senate
22 shall determine which members shall serve as cochairs of the task
23 force. The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of the task

1 force by July 15, 2008. The members of the task force shall elect
2 any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in
3 any office. The task force shall meet as often as necessary.

4 D. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 15,
5 2005.

6 E. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute
7 a quorum. A majority of the members present at any meeting may act
8 for the task force.

9 F. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be
10 appropriately reimbursed by their respective agencies or by the
11 State Department of Health for necessary travel expenses incurred in
12 the performance of duties pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement
13 Act. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
14 necessary travel expenses in the performance of duties in accordance
15 with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
16 Statutes.

17 G. Administrative support for the task force including, but not
18 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of
19 the duties and responsibilities of the task force shall be provided
20 by the State Department of Health to be supplemented, if necessary,
21 by the state agencies involved in the task force, and the staffs of
22 the House of Representatives and the Senate. All participating

1 state agencies shall provide for any administrative support
2 requested by the task force.

3 H. The task force shall:

4 1. Assess the problem of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and
5 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in the minority community,
6 including the availability of access to testing and treatment;

7 2. Review programs throughout the nation that have had success
8 in promoting Human Immunodeficiency Virus testing and in reducing
9 the rate of new Human Immunodeficiency Virus infections; and

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

15 I. The task force shall hold two statewide hearings, one in
16 Oklahoma City and one in Tulsa, to allow the public to present all
17 views and concerns regarding Human Immunodeficiency Virus and
18 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

19 J. The task force shall publish a report of its findings and
20 recommendations by December 1, 2008, including recommendations for
21 any resulting legislation or actions the state can implement to
22 increase Human Immunodeficiency Virus testing and Human

1 Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
2 awareness.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES, dated
9 2-14-08 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.