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THE STATE SENATE  
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Committee Substitute for  
Senate Bill No. 1999

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1999 - By: ALDRIDGE of the Senate and WRIGHT of the House.

[ state government - Task Force on the Administration of State Group Health Insurance Plans and State Employees Benefits - noncodification - 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 the Task Force on the Administration of State Group Health Insurance Plans and State Employees Benefits. The task force shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

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

- a. two 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 a representative of a Health Maintenance Organization;

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

- 1           a.    two of whom shall be members of the House of  
2                    Representatives,  
3           b.    one of whom shall be an active educator,  
4           c.    one of whom shall be a retired state employee, and  
5           d.    one of whom shall be a provider of health care  
6                    services;

7           3.    The Administrator of the State and Education Employees Group  
8 Insurance Board or designee;

9           4.    The Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Employees  
10 Benefits Council or designee; and

11          5.    The Insurance Commissioner or designee.

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

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

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

22          E.    Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the State  
23 Senate and the House of Representatives. The State and Education

1 Employees Group Insurance Board and the Oklahoma State Employees  
2 Benefits Council shall provide staff support for the task force upon  
3 request.

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

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

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

15 G. The task force shall:

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

19 2. Determine if there is a duplication of effort in the  
20 functions, operations and services of the State and Education  
21 Employees Group Insurance Board and the Oklahoma State Employees  
22 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.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT & INSURANCE, dated  
14 2-21-08 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.