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**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2008**

**Committee Substitute for**  
**Senate Bill No. 2186**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 2186 - By: IVESTER of the Senate and WESSELHOFT of the House.

[ Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease on Oklahoma - 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 to continue until June 1, 2009, the Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease on Oklahoma. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Oklahoma; to examine the existing industries, services and resources addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their families and caregivers; and to develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to this public health crisis. 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:

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

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

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

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

- 19           a.    one shall be a family member of a person living with  
20                    Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia,  
21           b.    one shall be a representative of the nursing facility  
22                    industry, and

- 1           c.    one shall be a person active in the state chapter of  
2                    the Alzheimer's Association; and
- 3        4.   Five shall be public sector representatives as follows:
- 4           a.    the Commissioner of the Oklahoma State Department of  
5                    Health, or designee,
- 6           b.    the Director of the Department of Human Services, or  
7                    designee,
- 8           c.    the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health  
9                    and Substance Abuse Services, or designee,
- 10          d.    the Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health  
11                    Care Authority, or designee, and
- 12          e.    the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment  
13                    Security Commission, or designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 21 a. type, cost and availability of dementia services,  
22 b. dementia-specific training requirements for long-term  
23 care staff,

- 1 c. quality care measures for residential care facilities,  
2 d. capacity of public safety and law enforcement to  
3 respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease,  
4 e. availability of home- and community-based resources  
5 for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the  
6 availability of respite care for families,  
7 f. inventory of long-term care dementia care units,  
8 g. adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric  
9 units for persons with behavior disorders associated  
10 with Alzheimer's and related dementia,  
11 h. assisted living residential options for persons with  
12 dementia, and  
13 i. state support of Alzheimer's research; and

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

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

21 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
22 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.  
3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-19-08 - DO  
4 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.