

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2895

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; creating the
8 Oklahoma Comprehensive Health Insurance Coverage
9 Plan; directing certain persons to develop a plan for
10 mandatory health insurance; specifying contents of
11 plan; providing for submission of plan to certain
12 persons; providing for codification; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9050.1 of Title 74, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
19 Comprehensive Health Insurance Coverage Plan".

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9050.2 of Title 74, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority in conjunction with the
24 Insurance Department shall develop a health care access plan for

1 mandatory health insurance for all citizens of this state. The plan
2 shall include, but not be limited to:

3 1. Health insurance market reforms to allow for more affordable
4 insurance;

5 2. An evaluation of current systems in place to help implement
6 the mandatory health insurance plan;

7 3. Subsidized coverage on a sliding scale for those persons
8 earning up to two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal
9 poverty level and not eligible for Medicaid;

10 4. Provisions requiring employers with fifteen or more
11 employees to provide at least partial coverage for employees. Those
12 employers who do not provide partial coverage shall be required to
13 pay a designated amount per year per worker to be deposited in a
14 fund created for subsidized coverage;

15 5. Provisions for waiving premiums on private insurance for
16 adults whose income is below one hundred percent (100%) of the
17 federal poverty level and who do not qualify for Medicaid; and

18 6. Provisions for the establishment of an entity to assist
19 individuals and employers in finding affordable private coverage.

20 B. The plan shall include a penalty equal to or one-half (1/2)
21 of the cost of health insurance, or loss of personal income tax
22 exemption for those persons who do not have insurance. Penalties
23 shall be deposited in a fund created for subsidized coverage.

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1 C. The health care access plan shall be submitted to the
2 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, the President Pro
3 Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor no later than December 31,
4 2010.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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