

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1740

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 1,
7 Chapter 95, O.S.L. 2007 (56 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
8 245), which relates to the Oklahoma Task Force on
Hunger; clarifying duty of task force; and providing
an effective date.

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 95, O.S.L. 2007
12 (56 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 245), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 245. A. There is hereby created until December 31,
14 2007, the Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger. The task force shall
15 consider, but not be limited to, making recommendations about the
16 following:

17 1. Strategies for coordinating services among federal, state,
18 faith-based and nonprofit organizations;

19 2. Strategies for extending existing programs and outreach
20 efforts to serve more people;

21 3. Strategies to involve schools to identify and improve
22 students' access to sufficient and nutritious food;

23 4. Strategies to connect eligible hungry people with existing
24 programs;

1 5. Recommendations for provider accountability;

2 6. Recommendations for funding sources to implement the
3 recommendations of the task force; and

4 7. Recommendations for legislation to implement the findings of
5 the task force.

6 B. The task force shall be composed of fifteen (15) members as
7 follows:

8 1. The Secretary of Health or a designee;

9 2. The Director of the Department of Human Services or a
10 designee;

11 3. The Commissioner of Health or a designee;

12 4. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
13 Services or designee;

14 5. The Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority or a
15 designee;

16 6. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a
17 designee;

18 7. One member appointed by the Governor from a list submitted
19 by a nonprofit regional food bank organization representing central
20 and western Oklahoma;

21 8. One member appointed by the Governor from a list submitted
22 by a nonprofit regional food bank organization representing eastern
23 Oklahoma;

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1 9. One member appointed by the Governor from a list submitted
2 by a statewide organization of child advocates;

3 10. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Senate representing faith-based organizations involved in hunger
5 programs;

6 11. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore from a
7 list submitted by a comprehensive antipoverty agency whose mission
8 is to help families in need achieve self-sufficiency;

9 12. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives from a list submitted by a statewide organization
11 representing senior citizens;

12 13. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives from a list submitted by a nonprofit educational
14 organization that assists in developing sustainable food and farming
15 systems; and

16 14. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives from a list submitted by a nonprofit organization
18 committed to effective solutions and key policies which affect
19 hunger and poverty.

20 C. The members of the task force shall select a chair and vice-
21 chair from among its membership. A quorum of the task force shall
22 be required in order for any final action of the task force.

23 D. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
24 to perform the duties imposed upon it.

1 E. The meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
2 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
4 their services, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary
5 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their
6 respective agency pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel
7 Reimbursement Act. Members appointed by the Governor, the President
8 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives shall be reimbursed by the Department of Human
10 Services pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel
11 Reimbursement Act.

12 G. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
13 Department of Human Services.

14 H. The task force shall submit a report of its findings and
15 recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by
17 December 31, 2007.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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