

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1741

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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 references; 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~~ Oklahoma
15 Task Force on Hunger shall consider, but not be limited to, making
16 recommendations about the 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; and

4 7. Recommendations for legislation to implement the findings of
5 the ~~task force~~ Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger.

6 B. The ~~task force~~ Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger shall be
7 composed of fifteen (15) members as 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;

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~~ Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger
21 shall select a chair and vice-chair from among its membership. A
22 quorum of the ~~task force~~ Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger shall be
23 required in order for any final action of the ~~task force~~ Oklahoma
24 Task Force on Hunger.

1 D. The ~~task force~~ Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger may meet as
2 often as may be required in order to perform the duties imposed upon
3 it.

4 E. The meetings of the ~~task force~~ Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger
5 shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

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

15 G. Staff support for the ~~task force~~ Oklahoma Task Force on
16 Hunger shall be provided by the Department of Human Services.

17 H. The ~~task force~~ Oklahoma Task Force on Hunger shall submit a
18 report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
20 Tempore of the Senate by December 31, 2007.

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

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