

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 2127

By: Aldridge of the Senate

and

6 Moore of the House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 [ health insurance for state employees - State  
11 Employee Health Insurance Review Working Group -  
12 modifying duties - exempting certain contract -  
13 specifying termination date -  
14 emergency ]

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17 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 323, O.S.L.

19 2009, is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 4. A. There is hereby ~~created~~ re-created the State  
21 Employee Health Insurance Review Working Group.

22 B. The Working Group shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ seven (7)  
23 members to be appointed or selected as follows:  
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1           1. ~~Two~~ Three members, who shall be members of the Oklahoma  
2 House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
3 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

4           2. ~~Two~~ Three members, who shall be members of the Oklahoma  
5 State Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
6 State Senate; and

7           3. The Insurance Commissioner or designee.

8           The members previously appointed to the Working Group shall  
9 continue to serve with new members appointed as necessary by the  
10 original appointing authority pursuant to this section.

11           C. The Working Group shall hold its first meeting not later  
12 than July 1, 2009. The first meeting shall be called by the co-  
13 chairs of the Working Group. A majority of the members present at  
14 the initial meeting or any subsequent meeting shall constitute a  
15 quorum for the purpose of any action taken including the preparation  
16 and approval of the final report required by subsection ~~N~~ L of this  
17 section.

18           D. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the  
19 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate shall designate  
20 which of their respective appointments shall serve as cochairs of  
21 the Working Group. The members appointed as cochairs pursuant to  
22 this subsection shall continue to serve as cochairs.

23           E. Members of the Working Group shall serve at the pleasure of  
24 the appointing authority.

1 F. The Working Group shall be authorized to meet as necessary  
2 in order to perform the duties imposed upon it. Legislative members  
3 of the Working Group shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
4 pursuant to the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
5 Oklahoma Statutes. Other members of the Working Group shall be  
6 reimbursed as provided by the appointing authority.

7 ~~G. Due to the increase in the cost of state employees' health~~  
8 ~~care coverage, the~~ The Working Group shall continue to study and  
9 examine the most efficient and cost-effective way to leverage state  
10 dollars to ensure the highest level of health care for state  
11 employees at a competitive price.

12 ~~H. The study shall include, but shall not be limited to:~~

13 ~~1. Ways to reduce costs of state employee health care coverage~~  
14 ~~to the taxpayers, state employees and their dependents;~~

15 ~~2. Health care coverage plan design that will promote patient~~  
16 ~~care that is safe, effective, patient centered, efficient, and~~  
17 ~~equitable;~~

18 ~~3. Offering consumer choice of health care plan designs that~~  
19 ~~allow state employees the opportunity to determine what coverage and~~  
20 ~~costs of such coverage best meet their needs; and~~

21 ~~4. Ways to maximize the state's leverage in purchasing medical~~  
22 ~~services and supplies and plans' support services.~~

23 ~~I.~~ The Working Group shall also provide oversight and monitor  
24 any efforts relating to implementation of the recommendations made

1 by the consultant pursuant to the provisions of this section. The  
2 Working Group shall have the authority to ~~request the Legislative~~  
3 ~~Service Bureau to review~~ select an authoritative ~~consultants~~  
4 consultant with expertise in state plan design and health care  
5 purchasing and assess the ability of the ~~consultants~~ consultant to  
6 ~~examine the objectives listed in subsection H of this section~~ assist  
7 in the implementation of the recommendations in addition to other  
8 objectives, as necessary.

9 ~~J. After the review required by subsection I of this section,~~  
10 ~~the Legislative Service Bureau.~~

11 H. The Working Group shall recommend ~~one or more~~ a qualified  
12 ~~consultants~~ consultant to the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits  
13 Council and the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board.  
14 The Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council and the State and  
15 Education Employees Group Insurance Board jointly shall contract  
16 ~~with one of~~ the recommended ~~consultants~~ consultant for the study  
17 required by subsection G of this section. Any contract entered into  
18 pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to the provisions  
19 of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

20 ~~K. I.~~ The consultant shall advise the Working Group on  
21 ~~recommendations to fulfill the objectives outlined in subsections~~  
22 the progress of its work pursuant to subsection G and H of this  
23 section.  
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1        ~~L.~~ J. The Working Group shall have the authority to request of  
2 related agencies any information, records or reports necessary to  
3 ~~ensure the study of objectives outlined in subsection H of this~~  
4 ~~section~~ provide proper oversight and monitoring of the  
5 recommendations of the consultant. Agencies shall respond to the  
6 Working Group in a timely manner to meet necessary reporting  
7 deadlines imposed upon the Working Group.

8        ~~M.~~ K. Staff assistance for the Working Group shall be provided  
9 by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State  
10 Senate. Funding for the study, other than costs otherwise provided  
11 for in this section, shall be provided equally by the Oklahoma State  
12 Employees Benefits Council and the State and Education Employees  
13 Group Insurance Board.

14        ~~N.~~ L. The Working Group shall produce a final written report of  
15 its findings and any recommendations regarding ~~effective and cost-~~  
16 ~~efficient purchasing and delivery of Oklahoma state employees'~~  
17 ~~health care~~ the oversight and implementation of the recommendations  
18 of the consultant. The report shall be submitted to the Governor,  
19 the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the  
20 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate not later than December  
21 31, ~~2009~~ 2010.

22        ~~O.~~ M. The provisions of this section shall cease to have the  
23 force and effect of law and the Working Group shall terminate  
24 effective January 1, ~~2010~~ 2011.

1       SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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