

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1818

By: Crain of the Senate
and
Steele of the House

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7 [public health and safety - creating Oklahoma
8 Certified Healthy Communities Act - certification
9 program - development of criteria - promulgate
10 rules - codification -
11 effective date]

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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 2060 of Title 63, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
19 Certified Healthy Communities Act".

20 B. The State Department of Health shall establish and maintain
21 a program for the voluntary certification of communities that
22 promote wellness, encourage the adoption of healthy behaviors, and
23 establish safe and supportive environments.

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1 C. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Healthy Communities
2 Advisory Committee. The advisory committee shall be composed of
3 members appointed by the State Commissioner of Health and, at a
4 minimum, shall include:

5 1. Representatives from a statewide nonprofit and nonpartisan
6 organization that seeks to foster collaboration and encourage
7 community and legislative action;

8 2. Representatives from an organization that seeks to involve
9 communities and consumers in creating a healthier future; and

10 3. Representatives from a statewide business organization.

11 D. The Department, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Healthy
12 Communities Advisory Committee, shall develop criteria for
13 certification. The criteria shall include, but shall not be limited
14 to:

15 1. The development, implementation, and enforcement of local
16 social host policies;

17 2. The implementation of local ordinances that promote the
18 establishment of sidewalks, walking trails, and bicycle lanes;

19 3. The development of parks and recreation areas;

20 4. The establishment of community gardens;

21 5. Incentives and support for farmers' markets;

22 6. Incentives and support for community health services, such
23 as free clinics;

1 7. Incentives and support for community mental health services;
2 and

3 8. Incentives and support for improved housing, including
4 energy efficiency.

5 E. The Department, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Healthy
6 Communities Advisory Committee, shall develop an online scoring
7 system based on the criteria developed pursuant to subsection C of
8 this section. The program shall recognize three levels of
9 certification based on the online scoring system as follows:

- 10 1. Basic certification;
- 11 2. Merit certification; and
- 12 3. Excellence certification.

13 F. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules as
14 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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1 Passed the Senate the 23rd day of February, 2010.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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6 2010.

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