

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 661

By: Paddock of the Senate

and

Cox, Billy, Roan, Shelton,
Walker and Kern of the
House

An Act relating to public health; directing the State Commissioner of Health to develop certain grant programs; providing definitions; exempting certain grants from certain requirements of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6900 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Commissioner of Health shall develop grant programs for private, nonprofit and public entities for the purpose of administering the National Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). For purposes of this section, the "National Hospital Preparedness Program" or "HPP" means the federal preparedness grant offered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to improve surge capacity and enhance community and hospital preparedness for public health emergencies.

B. The selection and awarding of grants, whether in the form of professional service contracts or any other funding mechanism developed by the Commissioner, to programs developed pursuant to this section shall be exempt from the requirements of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

C. The Commissioner shall develop a process for awarding grants to programs developed pursuant to this section. Such process for selection shall not be required for contracts awarded for program support services, including, but not limited to, professional service contracts to evaluate, audit or provide budgeting, accounting, auditing or legal services for specific programs or program grantees, contractors or participants.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate the 30th day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives