

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
ENGROSSED  
Senate Bill No. 661

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 661 - By:  
PADDACK of the Senate and COX AND BILLY 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:

- 1           SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes as Section 6900 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,  
3 reads as follows:
- 4           A. The State Commissioner of Health shall develop grant programs for private,  
5 nonprofit and public entities for the purpose of administering the National Hospital  
6 Preparedness Program (HPP). For purposes of this section, the “National Hospital  
7 Preparedness Program” or “HPP” means the federal preparedness grant offered through  
8 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to improve surge capacity  
9 and enhance community and hospital preparedness for public health emergencies.

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

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

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

12           COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,  
13 dated 04-07-09 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.