

ESB 1818

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 7, 2010

ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 1818
As Amended

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1818 - By: CRAIN of the Senate and STEELE AND CANNADAY of the House.

[public health and safety - creating Oklahoma Certified Healthy Communities Act - certification program - development of criteria - promulgate rules - codification -

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 2060 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:
- 4 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Oklahoma Certified Healthy
5 Communities Act”.
- 6 B. The State Department of Health shall establish and maintain a program for the
7 voluntary certification of communities that promote wellness, encourage the adoption of
8 healthy behaviors, and establish safe and supportive environments.

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

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

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

8 3. Representatives from a statewide business organization.

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

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

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

15 3. The development of parks and recreation areas;

16 4. The establishment of community gardens;

17 5. Incentives and support for farmers' markets;

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

19 7. Incentives and support for community mental health services; and

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

21 E. The Department, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Healthy Communities
22 Advisory Committee, shall develop an online scoring system based on the criteria

1 developed pursuant to subsection C of this section. The program shall recognize three
2 levels of certification based on the online scoring system as follows:

- 3 1. Basic certification;
- 4 2. Merit certification; and
- 5 3. Excellence certification.

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 04-06-10 - DO
10 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.