

3 Senate Bill No. 738

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5 House.

6 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating task
7 force; providing for membership; providing for duties;
8 providing for travel reimbursement; requiring a report;
9 providing for noncodification; providing an effective date;
10 and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
13 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

14 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2009, a task
15 force to study the proposed consolidation of the Office of the Chief
16 Medical Examiner. The task force shall:

17 1. Explore whether the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
18 should be consolidated with another state agency;

19 2. Determine the appropriate placement of the Office of the
20 Chief Medical Examiner;

21 3. Discuss potential conflicts of interest which may result
22 from consolidation; and

23 4. Determine potential cost savings which may result from
24 consolidation.

25 B. The task force shall be composed of nine (9) members as
26 follows:

1 1. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
2 Senate as follows:

3 a. a representative of an association of pathologists in
4 this state,

5 b. a representative of the Oklahoma District Attorneys
6 Council, and

7 c. a representative of police chiefs in this state;

8 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives as follows:

10 a. a representative of an association of allopathic
11 physicians in this state,

12 b. a representative of defense attorneys in this state,
13 and

14 c. a representative of an association of sheriffs in this
15 state; and

16 3. Three members appointed by the Governor as follows:

17 a. a representative of an association of osteopathic
18 physicians in this state,

19 b. a representative of an organization which provides
20 services to and/or advocates on behalf of victims of
21 crimes, and

22 c. a representative of an association of funeral
23 directors in this state.

1 C. The members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of
2 the appointing authority.

3 D. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be selected
4 by the task force from among the members.

5 E. A quorum of the task force shall be required in order for
6 any final action of the task force.

7 F. The task force may meet as often as may be required in order
8 to perform the duties imposed upon it.

9 G. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
10 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

11 1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
12 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
13 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
14 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

15 2. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
16 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
17 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

18 H. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
19 staffs of the State Senate and the Oklahoma House of
20 Representatives.

21 I. The task force shall report its findings, including any
22 legislative recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of the

1 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
2 Governor by November 30, 2008.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, dated
9 2-12-09 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.