

3 Senate Bill No. 822

4 SENATE BILL NO. 822 - By: Branan of the Senate and Hickman of the  
5 House.

6 An Act relating to state government; creating the Task Force  
7 on the Review of Health Insurance Mandates; providing for  
8 membership; requiring initial meeting to be called by  
9 certain date; providing for election of chair and vice  
10 chair; specifying quorum requirements; providing for  
11 staffing; providing for travel reimbursement; stating duties  
12 of the task force; requiring certain report; providing for  
13 noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring  
14 an emergency.

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

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

18 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2010, the "Task  
19 Force on the Review of Health Insurance Mandates". The task force  
20 shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows:

21 1. Four members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
22 the Senate:

- 23 a. two of whom shall be members of the Senate,  
24 b. one of whom shall be a representative of an insurer  
25 issuing health insurance policies in Oklahoma, and  
26 c. one of whom shall be a health care provider;

27 2. Four members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives:

- 1           a.    two of whom shall be members of the House of  
2                    Representatives,  
3           b.    one of whom shall be a representative of a Health  
4                    Maintenance Organization, and  
5           c.    one of whom shall be a business owner.
- 6        3.   Two members to be appointed by the Governor:  
7           a.    one of whom shall be a representative of a consumer  
8                    health advocacy group, and  
9           b.    one of whom shall be a private citizen; and
- 10       4.   The Insurance Commissioner or designee.
- 11       B.   The initial meeting of the task force shall be called by the  
12   Insurance Commissioner on or before September 1, 2009. At the  
13   initial meeting the task force shall elect from its membership a  
14   chair and vice-chair.
- 15       C.   A simple majority of the members of the task force shall  
16   constitute a quorum. A quorum of the task force must be present in  
17   order for the task force to take any official action including the  
18   adoption of a final report.
- 19       D.   The task force shall meet as often as may be required to  
20   perform the duties imposed upon it.
- 21       E.   Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the  
22   Department of Insurance.

1 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
2 serving on the task force, but may receive travel reimbursement as  
3 follows:

4 1. Legislative members of the task force may be reimbursed for  
5 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
6 duties, in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
7 Statutes, from the legislative body in which they serve; and

8 2. Other members of the task force may be reimbursed for travel  
9 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their  
10 respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State  
11 Travel Reimbursement Act.

12 G. The purpose of the task force is to review and evaluate the  
13 mandatory health insurance mandates that are currently provided for  
14 by law. The task force shall make recommendations as to whether any  
15 existing mandates should be revised or eliminated.

16 H. The task force shall submit a report on the findings and  
17 recommendations of the task force to the President Pro Tempore of  
18 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
19 Governor no later than December 1, 2010.

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

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.  
3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT & INSURANCE, dated  
4 2-12-09 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.