

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1231

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to workers' compensation; creating  
8 Task Force on Mutualization and Privatization of  
9 CompSource Oklahoma; stating purpose of task force;  
10 providing for membership; providing for service of  
11 members and vacancy; providing for date of  
12 appointment; providing for quorum; requiring  
13 designation of cochairs by certain persons; providing  
14 for convening of certain meeting and scheduling of  
15 subsequent meetings; providing for staff; requiring  
16 CompSource to provide certain information;  
17 prohibiting compensation; authorizing travel  
18 reimbursement; stating duties and responsibilities of  
19 task force; requiring certain publication; providing  
20 for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 131c of Title 85, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. There is hereby created to continue until December 31, 2009,  
26 the Task Force on the Mutualization or Privatization of CompSource  
27 Oklahoma. The task force will examine the issues as they relate to  
28 creating a domestic mutual company or privatizing CompSource while  
29 serving as an assured market source for workers' compensation

1 insurance, a competitive force in the marketplace and remain a  
2 quasi-state agency.

3 B. The task force shall consist of seven (7) members as  
4 follows:

5 1. The Insurance Commissioner;

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

8 a. one actuary expert,

9 b. one member who represents CompSource Oklahoma, and

10 c. one member of the Senate; and

11 3. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives as follows:

13 a. two members who represent the private insurance  
14 industry, and

15 b. one member of the House of Representatives.

16 C. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
17 authorities. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the  
18 original appointing authority.

19 2. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 1,  
20 2009.

21 3. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute  
22 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act  
23 for the task force.

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1           4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of  
2 the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair from  
3 among the members of the task force.

4           5. The cochairs of the task force shall convene the first  
5 meeting of the task force on or before July 15, 2009, at which time  
6 a schedule of the meetings shall be determined.

7           D. 1. The task force may use the services of the staffs of the  
8 Senate and the House of Representatives and may, as necessary, seek  
9 the advice and services of experts in the field of insurance.

10          E. CompSource Oklahoma shall cooperate with the task force in  
11 fulfilling its duties and responsibilities including, but not  
12 limited to, providing any information, records or reports requested  
13 by the task force.

14          F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
15 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

16           1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed  
17 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
18 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74  
19 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

20           2. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed  
21 by their appointing authorities or respective agencies for necessary  
22 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
23 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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1 G. The duties and responsibilities of the task force shall  
2 include, but not be limited to:

3 1. Identifying the feasibility of converting CompSource  
4 Oklahoma into a domestic mutual insurance company;

5 2. Identifying the feasibility of privatizing CompSource  
6 Oklahoma;

7 3. Assessing and determining the best conversion for CompSource  
8 while maintaining a quasi-state agency status and guaranteeing the  
9 availability of workers' compensation in Oklahoma; and

10 4. Studying current statutes regarding the responsibilities of  
11 CompSource.

12 H. The task force shall publish its findings and  
13 recommendations by December 1, 2009, including recommendations for  
14 any resulting legislation.

15 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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