

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2474

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8 An Act relating to the Food Desert Solutions Task
9 Force; enacting the Economic Incentive Strategies for
10 Addressing Barriers to Healthy Choices Act; providing
11 for membership of Task Force; requiring
12 organizational meeting; providing for selection of
13 chairpersons; authorizing meetings; prohibiting
14 reimbursement of travel or other expenses;
15 prescribing scope of Task Force study; providing for
16 applicability of certain statutory requirements
17 regarding meetings and records; providing for staff
18 assistance; requiring final report; providing for
19 termination of authority for Task Force; providing
20 for codification; providing for noncodification; and
21 declaring an emergency.

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

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

25 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Economic
26 Incentive Strategies for Addressing Barriers to Healthy Choices
27 Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5501 of Title 74, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created the Food Desert Solutions Task
5 Force.

6 B. The Task Force shall be composed of eleven (11) members to
7 be appointed or selected as follows:

8 1. One person to be appointed by the Governor;

9 2. One person to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
10 House of Representatives;

11 3. One person to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
12 the Oklahoma State Senate;

13 4. One person to be appointed by the Executive Director of the
14 Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

15 5. One person to be appointed by the Oklahoma Department of
16 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;

17 6. One person to be appointed by the State Department of
18 Health;

19 7. One person to be appointed by an organization the membership
20 of which consists of incorporated municipalities within the state
21 and the principal purpose of which is to provide services to such
22 municipalities;

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1 8. One person to be appointed by a nonprofit organization the
2 primary purpose of which is to provide membership services to retail
3 grocery businesses;

4 9. One person to be appointed by a nonprofit organization the
5 principal purpose of which is to provide membership services to
6 wholesale grocery businesses;

7 10. One person to be appointed by a statewide organization
8 whose mission is to advocate for the reduction of childhood obesity;
9 and

10 11. One person to be appointed by a statewide organization
11 whose focus is on business climate and economic development
12 advocacy.

13 C. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not
14 later than September 30, 2012. A majority of the members present at
15 the organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting shall
16 constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action taken including
17 the preparation and approval of the final report required by
18 subsection I of this section.

19 D. The Task Force shall select from among its membership a
20 chair and vice-chair or cochairs.

21 E. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in
22 order to perform the duties imposed upon it. No member of the Task
23 Force may be reimbursed for travel or other expenses.

24 F. The Task Force shall conduct a study regarding:

1 1. The extent to which the residents of the State of Oklahoma
2 have adequate access to food which meets a basic test of nutritional
3 adequacy;

4 2. The existing resources within the private and public sector
5 involved in the process by which food meeting a basic test of
6 nutritional adequacy is made available to the residents of the
7 state;

8 3. The barriers to making the food described by paragraph 2 of
9 this subsection available to the residents of the state;

10 4. Methods for removing the barriers identified pursuant to
11 paragraph 3 of this subsection;

12 5. Methods for improving any public sector components or
13 processes that would further the goal of making food which meets a
14 basic test of nutritional adequacy available to the residents of the
15 state;

16 6. Methods for improving any private sector components or
17 processes that would further the goal of making food which meets a
18 basic test of nutritional adequacy available to the residents of the
19 state; and

20 7. Such other matters or issues which the members of the Task
21 Force deem to be relevant.

22 G. The Task Force shall be subject to the provisions of:

23 1. The Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; and

24 2. The Oklahoma Open Records Act.

1 H. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
2 staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate.
3 Additional assistance shall be provided by the Oklahoma Department
4 of Commerce, the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma
5 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry at the request of the
6 Task Force.

7 I. The Task Force shall produce a final written report of its
8 findings and any recommendations regarding the subject matter
9 described by subsection F of this section. The report shall be
10 submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
11 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate
12 not later than December 31, 2012.

13 J. The provisions of this section shall cease to have the force
14 and effect of law and the Task Force shall terminate effective
15 January 1, 2013.

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

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