

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1452

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to vocational services for persons
8 with developmental disabilities; creating the Task
9 Force on Vocational Services for Persons with
10 Developmental Disabilities; providing expiration
11 date; specifying duties; providing for membership;
12 designating person responsible for calling the first
13 meeting; directing selection of chair and vice-chair;
14 requiring quorum; providing for travel reimbursement;
15 directing staff support; requiring certain report by
16 certain date; providing for noncodification;
17 providing an effective date; and declaring an
18 emergency.

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

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

22 A. There is hereby created until November 30, 2012, the Task
23 Force on Vocational Services for Persons with Developmental
24 Disabilities. The task force shall study issues related to
vocational services provided to persons with developmental
disabilities through programs sponsored by or contracted with the
Department of Human Services, including, but not limited to:

1 1. Examining the reimbursement rates for employment
2 opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities;

3 2. Determining if there are any abuses or inefficiencies in the
4 current system; and

5 3. Recommending any actions or legislation which the task force
6 deems necessary or appropriate.

7 B. The task force shall be composed of seven (7) members as
8 follows:

9 1. Four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
10 Senate as follows:

11 a. two members of the Senate, one of whom shall be the
12 Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services
13 Committee and one of whom shall be a member of the
14 minority party,

15 b. one member who is a director of a sheltered workshop
16 for persons with developmental disabilities, and

17 c. one parent or guardian of a person with a
18 developmental disability; and

19 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives as follows:

21 a. two members of the House of Representatives, one of
22 whom shall be the chair of the Human Services
23 Committee and one of whom shall be a member of the
24 minority party, and

1 b. one member representing an association that advocates
2 for persons with developmental disabilities.

3 C. The members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of
4 the appointing authority.

5 D. The Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee
6 shall call the first meeting.

7 E. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be selected
8 by the task force from among the members.

9 F. A quorum of the task force shall be required for any final
10 action by the task force.

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

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

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

20 H. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
21 Department of Human Services.

22 I. The task force shall report its findings, including any
23 legislative recommendations, to the President Pro Tempore of the
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1 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November
2 30, 2012.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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.

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