

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1099

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8 An Act relating to healthcare; creating the Rural
9 Oklahoma Healthcare Task Force; providing termination
10 date; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing
11 for membership; providing date for appointments and
12 organizational meeting; providing for selection of
13 officers; stating duties; providing for applicability
14 of certain acts; providing for meetings; providing
15 for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2013, the "Rural
20 Oklahoma Healthcare Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force
21 shall be to study healthcare issues in rural Oklahoma and make
22 recommendations on ways to improve both accessibility and
23 utilization in those areas.

24 B. The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members as
follows:

1 1. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
2 organization that represents allopathic physicians to be appointed
3 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

4 2. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
5 organization of osteopathic physicians to be appointed by the
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7 3. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
8 organization that represents physician assistants to be appointed by
9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

10 4. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
11 organization that represents nurse practitioners to be appointed by
12 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

13 5. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
14 organization that represents physical therapists to be appointed by
15 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

16 6. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
17 organization that represents rural hospitals to be appointed by the
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

19 7. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
20 organization that represents dentists to be appointed by the Speaker
21 of the House of Representatives;

22 8. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
23 organization that represents optometrists to be appointed by
24 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

1 9. One member who shall be a representative of a wellness or
2 social services organization to be appointed by the Speaker of the
3 House of Representatives;

4 10. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
5 organization that represents pharmacists to be appointed by the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

7 11. One member who shall be a representative of a statewide
8 organization that represents behavioral health practitioners to be
9 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

10 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
11 2013. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-
12 chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall
13 conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31, 2013.

14 D. The Task Force shall develop recommendations concerning
15 specific ways to improve access and utilization of healthcare in
16 rural Oklahoma. The recommendations shall be contained in a final
17 report to be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later
19 than December 31, 2013.

20 E. The Task Force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
21 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

22 F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
23 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task
24 Force by law.

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

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