STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 1641

By: Jordan and Coody of the House

and

David of the Senate

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-502.1, which relates to transmission of communicable diseases; directing State Board of Health to promulgate certain rules and guidelines; updating certain reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-502.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-502.1. A. All agencies and organizations that regularly employ emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, peace officers, as defined in Section 648 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, correctional officers and employees, or health care workers, all mental health or mentally retarded treatment or evaluation programs that employ persons involved with providing care for patients, the J.D. McCarty Center for Children

with Developmental Disabilities, and all juvenile institutions of the Department of Human Services shall implement the universal precautions for the prevention of the transmission of communicable diseases published by the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service, in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, Volume 36, Number 2S or as subsequently amended.

B. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and guidelines that will implement a system of notification of emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, health care workers, funeral directors, ~~and~~ peace officers, and any person who in good faith renders aid in accordance with the Good Samaritan Act relating to risk exposures during health care activities, emergency response activities or funeral preparations. Risk exposure shall be defined by the State Board of Health to be exposure that is epidemiologically demonstrated to have the potential for transmitting a communicable disease.

C. The Mental Health Board, ~~Commission for~~ Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Cerebral Palsy Commission, and State Board of Corrections shall each promulgate rules, guidelines or policies to provide for such notification of risk exposures to persons employed by such agencies.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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