

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1838

By: Crain of the Senate

3 and

4 Echols of the House

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6 An Act relating to Alzheimer's disease; creating the
7 Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in
8 Oklahoma; providing expiration date; stating purpose;
9 providing for appointments; specifying date by which
10 appointments are made; providing for vacancies;
11 providing for designation of cochairs; specifying
12 quorum; providing for meetings and staffing; stating
13 that task force members shall receive no
14 compensation; requiring examination of certain
15 information; requiring report; providing renewal of
16 plan under certain conditions; providing for
17 codification; providing an effective date; and
18 declaring an emergency.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-879.5 of Title 63, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. There is hereby created to continue until September 1, 2015,
24 the Task Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Oklahoma.
The purpose of the task force shall be to:

1. Review and revise the State Plan developed by the 2009 Task
Force on the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease in Oklahoma; and

1 2. Update the strategy to mobilize a state response to
2 Alzheimer's disease.

3 B. The task force shall consist of eighteen (18) members, to be
4 appointed as follows:

5 1. Four shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives as follows:

7 a. one shall be a person who has been diagnosed with
8 Alzheimer's disease,

9 b. one shall be a representative of the health care
10 provider community,

11 c. one shall be a representative of the adult day
12 services industry, and

13 d. one shall be a member of the House of Representatives;

14 2. Four shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Senate as follows:

16 a. one shall be a caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's
17 disease,

18 b. one shall be a representative of the assisted living
19 industry,

20 c. one shall be a scientist who specializes in
21 Alzheimer's research, and

22 d. one shall be a member of the Senate;

23 3. Five shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:
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- a. one shall be a person living with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia,
- b. two shall be family members of persons living with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia,
- c. one shall be a representative of the nursing facility industry, and
- d. one shall be a person active in the state chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and

4. Five shall be public sector representatives as follows:

- a. the Commissioner of the State Department of Health, or designee,
- b. the Director of the Department of Human Services, or designee,
- c. the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or designee,
- d. the Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or designee, and
- e. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, or designee.

C. Appointments to the task force shall be made by September 1, 2014. Task force members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

1 D. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a cochair
3 from among the members of the task force. A majority of the members
4 of the task force shall constitute a quorum to do business. The
5 Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task
6 force as necessary to assist the task force in the performance of
7 its duties.

8 E. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
9 their service.

10 F. The task force shall include an examination of the following
11 in its assessment and recommendations:

12 1. State trends in the number of persons living with
13 Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and the needs of
14 those persons;

15 2. The state's role in providing long-term care, family
16 caregiver support, and other forms of assistance to persons with
17 early-stage and early onset of Alzheimer's;

18 3. State policy regarding persons with Alzheimer's disease and
19 developmental disabilities;

20 4. Existing services, resources, and capacity, including but
21 not limited to the:

22 a. type, cost and availability of dementia services,

23 b. dementia-specific training requirements for long-term
24 care staff,

- c. quality care measures for residential care facilities,
- d. capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease,
- e. availability of home- and community-based resources for persons with Alzheimer's disease, including the availability of respite care for families,
- f. inventory of long-term care dementia care units,
- g. adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior disorders associated with Alzheimer's and related dementia,
- h. assisted living residential options for persons with dementia, and
- i. state support of Alzheimer's research; and

5. Update the 2009 Alzheimer's State Plan, reporting on successes and develop needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the provision of clear and coordinated services and supports for persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related disorders and strategies to address identified gaps in services.

G. The task force shall issue a report of its recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor no later than September 1, 2015.

H. The Alzheimer's State Plan may be reviewed every five (5) years contingent on the approval of enabling legislation by the Legislature.

