

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 101

By: Anderson of the Senate

and

Enns and Pittman of the  
House

An Act relating to mental health; creating the Task Force on State Services for Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism; designating membership and appointing authorities; providing date by which appointments shall be made; specifying terms of service; providing for filling vacancies; providing frequency of meetings; providing for a quorum; providing travel reimbursements to Task Force members; designating agency staff; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Creating the Task Force on State Services for Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism

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

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

There is hereby created, to continue until December 31, 2013, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, a Task Force on State Services for Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. The membership of the Task Force on State Services for Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism shall be as follows:

1. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;

2. The State Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, or a designee;

4. The Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or a designee;

5. A parent, guardian, or other legal representative of an adult individual diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate; and

6. A parent, guardian, or other legal representative of an adult individual diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

B. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by August 1, 2013. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

C. The Task Force shall meet monthly and at other such times as deemed necessary by members. A majority of members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum to transact business and a majority present may act for the Task Force.

D. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their service, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses as follows:

1. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

2. Members who are not legislators or officers or employees of the state shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. The Task Force on State Services for Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism shall study the needs of this population in Oklahoma, the services currently available for assisting these individuals in Oklahoma, and make specific recommendations to the Legislature regarding services that need to be provided to this population.

F. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall provide staff assistance to the Task Force on State Services for Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Autism.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

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

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2013.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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