HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1099 By: Hulbert

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

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:

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

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
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B. The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/06/2013 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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