

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 B. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
19 2013. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
20 authority. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the
21 original appointing authority.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 SECTION 4. 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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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, dated 03/20/2013 -
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