



1 Force on Prescription Drug Fatality which shall recommend measures  
2 to lower the number of prescription-drug-related overdoses and abuse  
3 fatalities to the Legislature.

4 B. The Task Force shall be comprised of twenty-one (21) members  
5 as follows:

6 1. The Director of the State Board of Medical Licensure and  
7 Supervision or designee;

8 2. The Director of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, or  
9 designee;

10 3. The Director of the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry, or  
11 designee;

12 4. The Director of the Board of Pharmacy, or designee;

13 5. The Director of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners,  
14 or designee;

15 6. The Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and  
16 Dangerous Drugs Control, or designee;

17 7. The Chief Medical Examiner, or designee;

18 8. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and  
19 Substance Abuse Services, or designee;

20 9. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or  
21 designee;

22 10. The State Commissioner of Health, or designee;

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1 11. A representative of the Association of Chiefs of Police to  
2 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later  
3 than September 1, 2013;

4 12. A representative of the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association to  
5 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later  
6 than September 1, 2013;

7 13. A District Attorney to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
8 House of Representatives no later than September 1, 2013;

9 14. A representative of the Oklahoma Medical Association to be  
10 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later  
11 than September 1, 2013;

12 15. A representative of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association to  
13 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later  
14 than September 1, 2013;

15 16. A representative of the Oklahoma Dental Association to be  
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later  
17 than September 1, 2013;

18 17. A representative of the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical  
19 Association to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
20 Senate no later than September 1, 2013;

21 18. A member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro  
22 Tempore of the Senate no later than September 1, 2013;

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1 19. A member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by  
2 the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than September  
3 1, 2013; and

4 20. Two members to be appointed by the Governor no later than  
5 September 1, 2013.

6 C. The Task Force is authorized to:

7 1. Conduct a study regarding prescription-drug-related deaths  
8 as determined by the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to subsection A  
9 of Section 2-105 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and make  
10 recommendations to the Legislature as to how to lower the number of  
11 prescription drug related fatalities in the state of Oklahoma; and

12 2. Gather and review individual, statistical and any other type  
13 of information as the Task Force determines on any death due to  
14 overdose or abuse of a controlled dangerous substance as determined  
15 by the Chief Medical Examiner pursuant to subsection A of Section 2-  
16 105 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

17 D. The Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and  
18 Dangerous Drugs shall coordinate an investigations team utilizing  
19 investigators and/or other personnel from the State Board of Medical  
20 Licensure and Supervision, the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners,  
21 the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry, the Board of Pharmacy, the Board of  
22 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Department of  
23 Health, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Chief Medical  
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1 Examiner's office, as available, and any local law enforcement in  
2 the area in which the fatality occurred or as needed.

3 1. The investigative team shall not conduct an investigation in  
4 which there is an active criminal case pending unless requested or  
5 authorized by the District Attorney in that location; and

6 2. The investigative team shall be exempt from, and may share  
7 among the team and with the Task Force, any and all information  
8 otherwise deemed confidential by state law for the purpose of the  
9 investigation on the deceased. This shall include, but not be  
10 limited to, information from law enforcement, medical, mental health  
11 and substance abuse and public assistance records.

12 E. Before submission of findings to the overall Task Force for  
13 review and discussion, all investigative reports shall redact names,  
14 social security numbers and other identifiers of the deceased, as  
15 well as, the names of any physician, pharmacist or other medical  
16 provider, as needed, as a part of the report. The non-redacted  
17 investigative reports shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Open  
18 Records Act. The reports shall include, but not be limited to:

19 1. The particular type of overdose or abuse causing the death;

20 2. Information as to whether the individual was receiving state  
21 assistance through the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the  
22 Department of Human Services or other state entity;

23 3. Prior criminal history and/or drug involvement;

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1 4. Prior diagnosis, treatment or counseling for substance  
2 abuse; and

3 5. Other medical information and history of prescription drugs  
4 prescribed.

5 F. Each agency shall be authorized to use any resource as  
6 necessary for the purpose of the Task Force investigations.

7 G. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in  
8 order to perform the duties imposed upon it. Members of the Task  
9 Force shall not be reimbursed for travel expenses.

10 H. The Task Force shall submit to the Governor, the President  
11 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives no later than January 1, 2015, a report with  
13 recommendations that promote the public safety and well-being of  
14 citizens concerning the use of prescription medication.

15 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 04/02/2013 -  
21 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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