

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1099

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to healthcare; creating the Rural
8 Oklahoma Healthcare Task Force; providing termination
9 date; stating purpose of the Task Force; providing
10 for membership; providing date for appointments and
11 organizational meeting; providing for selection of
12 officers; stating duties; exempting the Task Force
13 from certain acts; providing for meetings; providing
14 for travel reimbursement; providing for
15 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

24 B. The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
5 2013. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-
6 chair at the first meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall
7 conduct an organizational meeting not later than August 31, 2013.

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

14 E. The Task Force shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Open
15 Meeting Act or to the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

16 F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
17 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task
18 Force by law. Travel reimbursement for the members of the Task
19 Force shall be provided by the appointing authorities.

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

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