

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 101

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 B. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by August 1,
17 2013. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
18 authority. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the
19 original appointing authority.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

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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