

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3788

By: Moore

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health care; creating the Rural Health Care Modernization Task Force; stating purpose; providing for composition and appointment of members; providing members to serve without compensation; providing for meetings; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010.15 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Rural Health Care Modernization Task Force is hereby created to assess the health care needs in rural counties in the state.

B. The purpose of the Task Force is to:

1. Identify the locations to best place health care facilities to meet the future needs of rural counties in the state;
2. Review and assess health care facilities in the state and determine areas for improvement;

1 3. Analyze population growth and decline in the state;

2 4. Examine the access to health care in rural counties;

3 5. Work and develop relationships with other task forces,
4 committees or organizations that are pursuing initiatives or studies
5 similar to the purpose and duties outlined in this section; and

6 6. Collaborate with, serve as a resource to and receive input
7 from health care providers and health care facilities in rural
8 counties.

9 C. The Task Force shall consist of the following seven (7)
10 members:

11 1. The Governor shall appoint the executive director;

12 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

13 a. a representative of the Rural Health Network of
14 Oklahoma or similar organization,

15 b. a representative of the State Department of Health,
16 and

17 c. a state representative; and

18 3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:

19 a. a representative of the Office of Primary Care and
20 Rural Health Development,

21 b. a representative of the Oklahoma Office of Rural
22 Health, and

23 c. a state senator.
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1 D. The appointing authorities shall make their initial
2 appointments to the Task Force no later than January 1, 2021.

3 E. Each member of the Task Force shall serve without
4 compensation.

5 F. The executive director shall call the meetings and notify
6 the members of each meeting being called at least seven (7) days in
7 advance.

8 G. Meetings shall be held as often as the executive director
9 deems necessary, but not less than four times per calendar year. A
10 quorum for the transaction of business consists of four members of
11 the Task Force.

12 H. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation
13 but shall be allowed reimbursement for expenses pursuant to the
14 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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