

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3895

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health; directing the Commissioner of Health to establish a Sickle Cell Alliance and Advisory Committee; providing duties of Advisory Committee; providing for members of Advisory Committee; requiring the Commissioner to provide administrative support; providing for election of presiding officer; providing for required meetings; providing for certain compensation; requiring Advisory Committee to prepare an annual report; providing for termination date; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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 1-285.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Commissioner of Health, in collaboration with the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, shall establish and maintain the Sickle Cell Alliance and Advisory Committee to raise awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-285.2 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The Advisory Committee shall study and advise the State
5 Department of Health on implementing policies to improve the quality
6 and longevity of life for individuals with sickle cell disease.

7 B. The Commissioner may assign tasks to the Advisory Committee
8 to accomplish the purposes of this act.

9 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-285.3 of Title 63, unless
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following
13 members appointed by the Commissioner of Health:

14 1. Two members from community-based organizations with
15 experience addressing the needs of individuals with sickle cell
16 disease;

17 2. One physician specializing in adult hematology;

18 3. One physician specializing in pediatric hematology;

19 4. Two members of the public, each of whom either has sickle
20 cell disease or is a parent of a person with sickle cell disease or
21 trait;

22 5. One representative of a health-related institution; and

23 6. One representative from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.
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1 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-285.4 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The Commissioner of Health shall provide administrative support
5 services at the request of the Advisory Committee.

6 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-285.5 of Title 63, unless
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. The Advisory Committee shall elect a presiding officer from
10 among its membership.

11 B. The Advisory Committee shall meet at the call of the
12 presiding officer.

13 C. The Advisory Committee shall hold its first meeting not
14 later than July 1, 2020.

15 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-285.6 of Title 63, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 An Advisory Committee member is not entitled to compensation for
19 service on the Advisory Committee but is entitled to reimbursement
20 for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing Advisory
21 Committee duties. The Advisory Committee may accept gifts, grants
22 and donations to pay for those expenses.

1 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-285.7 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 Not later than December 1 of each year, the Advisory Committee
5 shall prepare and submit to the Governor and the Legislature an
6 annual written report that summarizes the Advisory Committee's work
7 and includes any recommended actions or policy changes endorsed by
8 the Advisory Committee.

9 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-285.8 of Title 63, unless
11 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The Sickle Cell Alliance and Advisory Committee shall cease to
13 exist on June 30, 2023.

14 SECTION 9. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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