

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1342

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to labor; creating the Task Force for
8 the Study of Caregiver Insurance; providing for
9 membership of Task Force; requiring organizational
10 meeting; providing for quorum; providing for
11 cochairs; requiring study of caregiver insurance;
defining scope of study; providing for staff
assistance; requiring final report; providing for
termination of Task Force; providing for
noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

17 A. There is hereby created the Task Force for the Study of
18 Caregiver Insurance.

19 B. The Task Force shall consist of a representative from each
20 of the following organizations or state agencies selected by that
21 organization or agency:

- 22 1. The Department of Labor;
23 2. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission;
24 3. The State Department of Health;

1 4. The Department of Human Services;

2 5. One appointee selected by the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives;

4 6. One appointee selected by the Minority Leader of the House
5 of Representatives;

6 7. One appointee selected by the President Pro Tempore of the
7 Senate;

8 8. One appointee selected by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
9 and

10 9. One appointee selected by the Governor.

11 C. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not
12 later than August 31, 2015. A majority of the members present at
13 the organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting shall
14 constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action taken including
15 the preparation and approval of the final report required by
16 subsection G of this section.

17 D. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in
18 order to perform the duties imposed upon it.

19 E. The Task Force shall conduct a study regarding compensation
20 for the wage penalties sustained by any individual who is unable to
21 work due to the employee's own sickness or injury, the sickness or
22 injury of a family member, or the birth, adoption or foster care
23 placement of a new child. The study shall include but shall not be
24 limited to:

1 1. Benefits to families of employer-led programs to assist
2 employee's balance of workplace demands and family needs;

3 2. Recommendations for structuring a statewide caregiver
4 insurance program based on a temporary disability program; and

5 3. Such other matters related to caregiver insurance as the
6 Task Force deems relevant.

7 F. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
8 staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate.

9 G. The Task Force shall produce a final written report of its
10 findings and any recommendations regarding caregiver insurance. The
11 report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the
12 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of
13 the State Senate not later than November 1, 2015.

14 H. The provisions of this section shall cease to have the force
15 and effect of law, and the Task Force shall terminate effective
16 January 1, 2016.

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

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