

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 227

By: Standridge of the Senate

3 and

4 Derby of the House

5  
6 [ federally qualified health centers - contracts,  
7 donations, and grants - system for public comment -  
8 effective date ]  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-724, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1-724. A. The State Department of Health is authorized  
14 to enter into contracts, based on the availability of funding, to  
15 promote the establishment of new facilities in Oklahoma which will  
16 qualify as federally qualified health centers (FQHC) or federally  
17 qualified look-alike community health centers, as defined by 42  
18 U.S.C., Section 13986d(1) (2) (B) including:

- 19 1. Contracts to provide for community planning and development;
- 20 2. Contracts to provide for grants or grant writing to apply  
21 for federal 330 FQHC funding; and
- 22 3. Contracts for transitional operating support.

23 B. The ~~State~~ Department of Health is authorized to accept  
24 donations of land, property, buildings, equipment and gifts of money

1 or other objects of value for the purpose of establishing or  
2 expanding federally qualified health centers.

3 C. The ~~State Department of Health~~ is authorized to utilize  
4 grant funds, donations and other funds made available to the  
5 Department for the purpose of establishing or expanding federally  
6 qualified health centers, to the extent funds are available.

7 D. The ~~State Department of Health~~ may enter into agreements  
8 with public or private entities as necessary for the purpose of  
9 establishing new federally qualified health centers.

10 E. The Department shall develop a system allowing persons or  
11 entities to submit public comments regarding the designation of  
12 medically underserved areas (MUAs). Such comments may address, but  
13 not be limited to:

14 1. The expansion of health care services at federally qualified  
15 health centers (FQHCs) located in existing MUAs; and

16 2. Prospective locations of MUAs and FQHCs.

17 F. The Department shall submit public comments received  
18 pursuant to the provisions of this act to the Health Resources and  
19 Services Administration within the United States Department of  
20 Health and Human Services; provided, the period of time for the  
21 submission of public comments to the State Department of Health  
22 shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

23 G. Comments received by the State Department of Health pursuant  
24 to this act shall only be used for the functions provided by this

1 act and shall not be considered or otherwise used for any purposes  
2 except those provided by the provisions of this act.

3 H. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to  
4 implement the provisions of this section.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

6 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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10 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
11 2015.

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