

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 227

By: Standridge of the Senate

3 and

4 Derby of the House

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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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