

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2810

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; creating the Kidney  
8 Disease Prevention and Education Task Force Act;  
9 stating legislative findings; creating the Kidney  
10 Disease Prevention and Education Task Force;  
11 providing for membership; providing for meeting  
12 dates; providing that members serve without  
13 compensation; providing for staffing; requiring  
14 certain study, plan, and reports; providing a sunset  
15 date; providing for codification; and providing an  
16 effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7315 of Title 63, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Kidney Disease  
22 Prevention and Education Task Force Act".

23 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7316 of Title 63, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature finds that:

1       A. Kidney disease is the ninth-leading cause of death in the  
2 United States. An estimated thirty-seven million (37,000,000)  
3 people in the United States have chronic kidney disease and more  
4 than seventy-two thousand (72,000) people in the State of Oklahoma  
5 are living with the disease. Early chronic kidney disease has no  
6 signs or symptoms and without early detection can progress to kidney  
7 failure.

8       B. If a person has high blood pressure, heart disease,  
9 diabetes, or a family history of kidney failure, the risk of kidney  
10 disease is greater. In Oklahoma, fourteen percent (14%) of all  
11 adults have diabetes, and nearly forty percent (40%) have high blood  
12 pressure. The prevalence of diabetes, heart disease, and  
13 hypertension is higher for African Americans, who develop kidney  
14 failure at a rate of nearly four to one compared to Caucasians,  
15 while Hispanics have a thirty percent (30%) higher risk of  
16 developing kidney failure. Almost twenty-nine percent (29%) of the  
17 people waiting for a kidney in the United States identify as African  
18 American, but, in 2019, less than twenty-six percent (26%) of those  
19 waiting received a kidney.

20       C. Although dialysis is a life-extending treatment, the best  
21 and most cost-effective treatment for kidney failure is a kidney  
22 transplant. Currently, the wait in Oklahoma for a deceased donor  
23 kidney is five (5) to seven (7) years, and nationally twelve people  
24 die while waiting every day.

1 D. If chronic kidney disease is detected early and managed  
2 appropriately, the individual can receive treatment sooner to help  
3 protect the kidneys, the deterioration in kidney function can be  
4 slowed or even stopped, and the risk of associated cardiovascular  
5 complications and other complications can be reduced.

6 E. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the increased risk of  
7 infection to patients with preexisting conditions and Covid-19  
8 patients acquiring acute kidney disease, it is imperative to provide  
9 support for those with kidney disease.

10 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7317 of Title 63, unless there  
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. There is hereby created the Kidney Disease Prevention and  
14 Education Task Force.

15 B. The Task Force shall consist of at least fourteen (14)  
16 members to be appointed or selected as follows:

17 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, or  
18 his or her designee, who shall serve as cochair;

19 2. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, or his  
20 or her designee, who shall serve as cochair;

21 3. One member of the Oklahoma State Senate, who shall be  
22 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

23 4. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, who  
24 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House;

1       5. Two members, appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall  
2 represent the State Department of Health and the other of whom shall  
3 represent a nationwide, nonprofit organization dedicated to kidney  
4 research, education, and support;

5       6. The Secretary of State, or his or her designee;

6       7. Seven members appointed by the cochairs, as follows:

7           a. one member representing the renal care provider  
8           community,

9           b. one member representing a medical center with a  
10          kidney-related program,

11          c. one member representing the kidney physician  
12          community,

13          d. one member representing a nonprofit organ procurement  
14          organization,

15          e. one member representing the kidney patient community  
16          in Oklahoma,

17          f. one member representing tribal governments, and

18          g. one member representing providers of emergency  
19          ambulance transportation; and

20       8. Other additional members, appointed by the cochairs as they  
21 see fit, representing public health clinics, community health  
22 centers, minority health organizations, and private health insurers.

23       C. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not  
24 later than December 31, 2021. A majority of the members present at

1 the organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting shall  
2 constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action taken including  
3 the preparation and approval of the reports required by subsection G  
4 of this section. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as  
5 necessary in order to perform the duties imposed upon it.

6 D. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

7 E. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the  
8 staff of the State Department of Health.

9 F. The Task Force shall conduct a study regarding chronic  
10 kidney disease, transplantations, living and deceased kidney  
11 donation, and the disparities in affliction rates among racial  
12 groups. After the study is complete, the Task Force shall develop a  
13 sustainable plan to raise awareness about early detection, promote  
14 health equity, promote transplantation, and reduce the burden of  
15 kidney disease throughout Oklahoma. The plan shall include an  
16 ongoing campaign that includes health education workshops and  
17 seminars, preventive screenings, relevant research, and that  
18 promotes social media campaigns and television and radio  
19 commercials.

20 G. The Task Force shall submit an initial report to the  
21 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and  
22 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate not later  
23 than December 31, 2022, and annually thereafter.

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1 H. The provisions of this section shall cease to have the force  
2 and effect of law and the Task Force shall terminate effective  
3 January 1, 2027.

4 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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