

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 578

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; creating the
8 Oklahoma Commission on Obesity; providing for
9 membership; providing for vacancies; requiring
10 appointments to be made by certain date; requiring
11 the State Department of Health to conduct the first
12 meeting of the Commission by certain date; providing
13 for election of chair and vice-chair; providing for
14 frequency of meetings; stating purpose of the
15 Commission; requiring certain report to be prepared
16 and delivered, and to be posted on a certain website;
17 authorizing certain reimbursement; requiring
18 compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the
19 Oklahoma Open Records Act; providing for staffing;
20 providing for noncodification; and providing an
21 effective date.

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

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

27 A. There is hereby created, to continue until November 30,
28 2020, the Oklahoma Commission on Obesity.

29 B. The Commission shall consist of the following members:

30 1. Four appointees by the President Pro Tempore of the State
31 Senate;

1 2. Four appointees by the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives;

3 3. Two appointees by the Governor;

4 4. A representative from each of the following agencies or
5 entities:

6 a. the Oklahoma State University College of Human
7 Sciences,

8 b. the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health,

9 c. the State Department of Education,

10 d. the State Department of Health,

11 e. the Department of Transportation,

12 f. the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust,

13 g. the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, and

14 h. the Employees Group Insurance Division of the Office
15 of Management and Enterprise Services;

16 5. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint four
17 members as follows:

18 a. one member of the Senate,

19 b. one member of the public from an urban part of the
20 state,

21 c. one representative of a foundation with a history of
22 working in health and wellness, and

23 d. one representative of a statewide association of the
24 incorporated cities and towns of Oklahoma;

1 6. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint
2 four members:

- 3 a. one member of the House of Representatives,
- 4 b. one member of the public from an rural part of the
5 state,
- 6 c. one representative of a federally recognized Indian
7 tribe, and
- 8 d. one representative of a the commercial health
9 insurance industry; and

10 7. The Governor shall appoint two members:

- 11 a. one representative of a statewide association of the
12 counties of Oklahoma, and
- 13 b. one representative of an Oklahoma organization that
14 advocates on behalf of children.

15 C. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing
16 authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the
17 original appointing authority.

18 2. Appointments to the Commission shall be made by October
19 1, 2019.

20 D. The State Department of Health shall conduct the first
21 meeting of the Commission not later than sixty (60) days after the
22 effective date of this act. The chair and vice-chair shall be
23 elected at the first meeting by a majority of those present. The
24 Commission shall be authorized to meet as often as required in order

1 to perform the duties imposed upon the Commission by law; however,
2 the Commission shall meet at least quarterly.

3 E. The Commission shall study, evaluate and make
4 recommendations for any changes to state policy, rules or statutes
5 to better combat obesity in Oklahoma.

6 F. The Commission shall prepare and deliver a report of its
7 findings and recommendations for the President Pro Tempore of the
8 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Governor by
9 November 30, 2020. By December 14, 2020, the State Department of
10 Health shall post the report on its website.

11 G. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for
12 serving on the Commission, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
13 follows:

14 1. State employees who are members of the Commission shall be
15 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
16 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
17 Travel Reimbursement Act;

18 2. Legislative members of the Commission shall be reimbursed
19 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
20 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
21 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

22 3. All other members of the Commission shall be reimbursed by
23 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for travel expenses
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1 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the
2 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 H. The Commission shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting
4 Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

5 I. Staffing for the Commission shall be provided by the State
6 Department of Health.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2019.

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