

HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

CHAPTER 107. HEALTH DISPARITIES TASK FORCE

Sec. 107.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "task force" means the health disparities task force established under this chapter.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1434, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 107.002. PURPOSE. The purpose of the task force is to assist the department in accomplishing the following goals:

(1) to eliminate health and health access disparities in Texas among multicultural, disadvantaged, and regional populations; and

(2) to reorganize department programs to eliminate those disparities.

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Sec. 107.003. DUTIES. (a) The task force shall:

(1) investigate and report on issues related to health and health access disparities among multicultural, disadvantaged, and regional populations;

(2) develop short-term and long-term strategies to eliminate health and health access disparities among multicultural, disadvantaged, and regional populations, with a focus on reorganizing department programs to eliminate those disparities;

(3) monitor the progress of the department in:

(A) eliminating the health and health access disparities; and

(B) reorganizing department programs to eliminate the disparities; and

(4) advise the department on the implementation of any targeted programs or funding authorized by the legislature to address health and health access disparities.

(b) In performing the duties described in Subsection (a), the task force shall consult with the department, the Office of Minority Health and Cultural Competency, women's health offices of the department, and any other relevant division of the department.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1434, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 107.004. REPORT. The task force shall submit a biennial report on the progress of the department in accomplishing the goals described by Section 107.002 to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives. This report may be combined with any other report required of the department by law.

Added by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 1434, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Amended by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 1293, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.

Sec. 107.005. COMPOSITION. (a) The task force consists of nine members as follows:

(1) three members appointed by the governor, each of whom represents a different interest described by Subsection (b);

(2) three members appointed by the lieutenant governor, each of whom represents a different interest described by Subsection (b); and

(3) three members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, each of whom represents a different interest described by Subsection (b).

(b) Each of the members appointed under Subsection (a) must represent one of the following areas:

(1) business;

(2) labor;

(3) government;

(4) charitable or community organizations;

(5) racial or ethnic populations; or

(6) community-based health organizations.

(c) Members appointed under Subsection (a) must represent both urban and rural areas of this state, including urban and rural areas of the state adjacent to the border with the United Mexican States.

(d) The governor shall designate a member of the committee to serve as presiding officer.

(e) Members serve staggered two-year terms. Four or five members' terms expire February 1 of each year.

(f) An appointment to fill a vacancy for the unexpired term of a member shall be made not later than the 90th day after the date the position becomes vacant.

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Sec. 107.006. MEETINGS. The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding officer.

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Sec. 107.007. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. A task force member is not entitled to compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the member's travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660, Government Code, and the General Appropriations Act.

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Sec. 107.008. PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES. The task force is administratively attached to the department. The department shall provide the necessary staff and facilities to assist the task force in performing its duties.

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Sec. 107.009. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the task force.

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