

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 10, 2019

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 1979

6 By: Ranson of the House

7 and

8 Rader of the Senate

9 **[ public health and safety - TBI Task Force -**  
10 **codification - effective date ]**

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-291.8 of Title 63, unless  
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. The Traumatic Brain Injury Task Force (TBI Task Force) is  
16 hereby created to identify the needs of and best-practice approaches  
17 to traumatic brain injury (TBI) survivors in Oklahoma. The TBI Task  
18 Force's role is to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding  
19 TBIs. The TBI Task Force shall use a method of dialogue and  
20 consensus decision-making to arrive at its recommendations.  
21 Recommendations shall be provided no later than January 1, 2022.

22 B. The purpose of the TBI Task Force is to:

23 1. Review and assess care of TBI injuries in the state and  
24 determine areas of improvement;

1       2. Analyze care measures being provided in the state;

2       3. Identify and use existing studies of TBI care practices and  
3 programs in other states;

4       4. Work with other task forces, committees or organizations  
5 that are pursuing initiatives or studies similar to the purpose and  
6 duties outlined in this section and develop relationships with other  
7 task forces, committees or organizations to collaborate on similar  
8 efforts; and

9       5. Collaborate with, serve as a resource to and receive input  
10 from health care providers treating persons with TBI.

11       C. The TBI Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members as  
12 follows:

13       1. The Governor shall appoint the executive director;

14       2. The Speaker of the House shall appoint:

15           a. a representative of the Brain Injury Alliance of  
16           Oklahoma,

17           b. a social worker with the United States Department of  
18           Veterans Affairs,

19           c. a representative of the State Department of  
20           Rehabilitation Services,

21           d. the executive director, or his or her designee, of the  
22           State Department of Health, and

23           e. a state representative; and

24       3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:

- 1 a. a state senator,
- 2 b. a health or allied health specialist,
- 3 c. a family member of a person with a TBI,
- 4 d. a special education teacher, and
- 5 e. a TBI survivor.

6 D. The appointing authorities shall make their initial  
7 appointments to the TBI Task Force no later than January 1, 2020.

8 E. Each member of the TBI Task Force shall serve without  
9 compensation.

10 F. The executive director shall call the meetings and notify  
11 the members of each meeting being called at least seven (7) days in  
12 advance.

13 G. Meetings shall be held as often as the executive director  
14 deems necessary, but not less than four times per calendar year. A  
15 quorum for the transaction of business consists of six members of  
16 the TBI Task Force.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
19 April 10, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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