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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1018

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and

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A Joint Resolution relating to human services; creating the Council for the Redesign of the State System of Human Services Delivery; stating charge of Council; requiring preparation of a specific proposal; stating contents of proposal; providing for membership, appointment of chair, ex officio members and reimbursement; stating duties of Council; requiring legislative staff and state entities to provide assistance; requiring the Legislative Service Bureau to contract for services of certain consultants or consulting firms; providing for the approval of certain contracts by the Joint Committee on Fiscal Operations; stating required contents of proposal required by this resolution; providing for distribution; repealing Sections 1 through 4 of this resolution; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF
THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29.1 of Title 56, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 1995, the Council
for the Redesign of the State System of Human Services Delivery.
The Council shall be charged with a thorough study and evaluation
of the current human services delivery system in the State of
Oklahoma. The Council shall prepare a specific proposal to be
submitted by January 1, 1994, to the President Pro Tempore of the

Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the Commission for Human Services and other public and private entities.

B. The proposal shall contain recommendations for the restructuring and redesign of the state's system for delivery of human services as follows:

1. Improvement of the delivery of human services in order to ensure program accountability, provide for efficient and fair distribution of such services, and to the greatest extent possible encourage independence and self-sufficiency for clients;

2. A clearly stated mission regarding the appropriate structure of state agencies delivering human services;

3. Provisions for greater coordination of the state's human services delivery system; and

4. An examination of the system's changing needs and the effectiveness of the system in implementing legislative programs.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29.2 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Council for the Redesign of the State System of Human Services Delivery shall be composed of seventeen (17) members, fifteen (15) of whom shall be voting members. Members shall be appointed on or before July 1, 1993, as follows:

1. Five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

2. Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. Five persons appointed by the Governor, at least three of whom shall be consumers of human services administered by the state; and

4. The Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Chairman of the Commission for Human Services, who shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the Council.

B. The chair of the Council, who shall be appointed from among the appointed members, shall be appointed jointly by the

Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

C. The members of the Council shall serve without compensation, but legislative members may be reimbursed pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and other members may be reimbursed by their respective appointing authorities pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The Council shall:

1. Consult with consumers of human services and employees of agencies delivering human services; with individuals and public and private agencies; and with organizations who contract with or otherwise have direct contact with or interest in the programs and services of human services agencies. Consultation may be conducted through presentations to the Council, focus groups, interviews, surveys, public hearings, or other methods deemed appropriate by the Council;

2. Appoint work groups or subcommittees composed of representatives of public and private organizations to complete specific tasks or assignments related to the development of the specific proposal; and

3. Submit reports of its activities, findings, recommendations, and the progress towards the development and implementation of the specific proposal to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the Commission for Human Services and other public and private entities.

E. The staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate shall provide staff assistance as necessary to assist the Council in the performance of its duties.

F. All agencies, boards, commissions, departments or offices of this state and task forces, compacts, offices or other entities sponsored by the government of this state shall make available to the Council any facts, information, data or staff assistance requested by the Council and cooperate with the Council to carry out its duties pursuant to the provisions of this resolution.

G. The Council shall utilize consultant services to assist with the completion of the study. The Legislative Service Bureau shall contract for the services of appropriate consultants or consulting firms which are experts in the field of management and administration of large organizations, or health and human service agencies, or both, to assist with the completion of the study. The Joint Committee on Fiscal Operations created pursuant to Section 452.3 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall approve any contract for consultant services.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29.3 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The specific proposal for evaluating the state system of human services delivery required by this resolution shall include:

1. A clear and specific statement of the mission, goals and scope of the human services delivery system, and the goals and objectives of each of the components of the system;

2. A design for the management structure and procedures of the system, and the methods for implementing such design, which will result in:

- a. improved employee initiative, acceptance of responsibility, accountability and morale,
- b. more efficient policy and program overview, and
- c. improved coordination and communication within the human services delivery system;

3. The methods by which the program and service delivery goals are to be achieved, and the standards to measure progress towards the achievement of such goals;

4. The methods to ensure that appropriate state agencies are responsive to client needs and cost-effectiveness in the delivery of services;

5. The methods to conduct planning and to link financial management to such planning;

6. The optimum utilization of technology, including innovative uses of telecommunications and the upgrading of computer hardware and software;

7. Specific changes in statutes, policies and legislative or gubernatorial directives necessary to implement the specific proposal; and

8. The cost and service implications of the plan and alternatives.

SECTION 4. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Governor, the Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Commission for Human Services.

SECTION 5. REPEALER Sections 1 through 4 of this resolution shall be repealed effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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