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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1688

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An Act relating to state government; adding to powers and duties of area agencies on aging; providing for purpose; requiring certain contracts; specifying duties and responsibilities; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5040.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature of this state finds that the needs of the elderly population can be best served and planned for at the local community level; that a longer life expectancy and a growing elderly population demands services be provided in a coordinated manner and a single local agency system for such services be instituted; that local resources and volunteer help will augment state funds and needed manpower; and that local flexibility in providing services should be encouraged.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5040.2 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Department of Health within their areas of jurisdiction and responsibility shall contract with area agencies on aging in order to provide a comprehensive and coordinated single point of entry service system for the delivery of social and health services to elderly persons within their planning and service areas.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5040.3 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Each area agency on aging shall be responsible for:

1. Implementing the single point of entry system for the delivery of social and health services to elderly persons within its planning and service area;
2. Developing a local plan for service delivery that complies with federal and state requirements;
3. Assessing the needs of elderly persons within the planning and service delivery area for service for social and health services, and determining what resources are currently available to meet those needs;
4. Assuming the responsibility of determining services required to meet the needs of elderly persons, assuring that such services are provided within the resources available and determining when such services are no longer needed;
5. Endeavoring to coordinate and expand existing resources in order to develop within its planning and service area a comprehensive and coordinated system for the delivery of social and health services to elderly persons;
6. Serving as an advocate within government and within the community at large for the interests of elderly persons within its planning and service area;
7. Entering into contracts with any public or private agency for the provision of social or health services not otherwise sufficiently available to elderly persons within the planning and service area;
8. Monitoring and evaluating the activities of its service providers to ensure that the services being provided comply with the terms of the grant or contract;
9. Conducting research, evaluation, demonstration or training activities appropriate to the achievement of the goal of improving the quality of life for elderly persons within its planning and service area; and

10. Complying with state requirements that have been developed in consultation with the area agencies for client and fiscal information and providing to the Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma State Department of Health information necessary for federal and state reporting, program evaluation, program management, fiscal control and research needs.

SECTION 4. 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 act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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