

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2577

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; creating the Oklahoma Family Violence Council; providing for appointment, qualifications, terms, compensation, staffing and meetings; specifying purpose and duties; requiring certain report; specifying contents; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 3-315.2 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Family Violence Council which shall consist of a minimum of twenty-five (25) and a maximum of fifty (50) members, appointed by the Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Such appointments shall be made by September 1, 1994. In appointing persons to serve as members of the Oklahoma Family Violence Council, the Commissioner shall adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Persons holding the following positions or such persons' designee, shall be requested to serve as members of the Council:

- a. the Directors of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Education, the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Department of Human Services,
- b. the Oklahoma Coalition on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Administrator, the Executive Director of an urban domestic violence program and the Executive Director of a rural domestic violence program,
- c. the directors of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma State Dental Association, the Oklahoma State Osteopathic Association, the Oklahoma State Nurse's Association, the Oklahoma State Department of Higher Education and the CLEET Director, and
- d. a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police, the District Attorney's Council, Oklahoma State Representative, Oklahoma State Senator, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, CATCC, Legal Aid Representative, the Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce and the Academy for State Goals;

2. There shall be additional members appointed from among the following groups: judiciary; law enforcement; media; parents; volunteer service organizations; community-based services to families; community mental health services; common education, local entities; and

3. Additional members may be appointed at the discretion of the Department.

B. Members of the Council shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and may be reappointed.

C. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. Staff assistance for the Council shall be provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-315.3 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Council shall meet a minimum of four times a year and shall serve as an advisory body to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the planning, coordination, development and improvement of services to victims of domestic abuse. The Council shall make recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Education, and other appropriate public and private agencies regarding statutory law changes, programs and methods of developing state awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault, coordinating prevention efforts, suggesting systems improvement and recruiting volunteers.

B. Prior to July 1 of each year, the Council shall forward to the members of the Department and to each agency affected by the report, a report of its recommendations and shall also make other reports and recommendations to the Department as necessary and appropriate for inclusion in the annual report of the Department.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-315.4 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Council shall evaluate and review the development and quality of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse and shall publish and distribute an annual report of its findings on or before January 1 of each year to the Governor, the Speaker of the

House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, and to the chief administrative officer of each agency affected by the report. Such report shall include activities of the Department, recommendations for the further development and improvement of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and budget and program needs. The report shall:

1. Identify and establish goals and priorities for services for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and the estimated costs of implementing said goals and priorities;

2. Show previous and current expenditures for state and state-supported services to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse;

3. Include such other information or recommendations as may be necessary and appropriate for the improvement and coordinated development of the domestic violence and sexual assault service system; and

4. Be distributed as provided by this section and shall be made available to the general public.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1994.

SECTION 5. 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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