

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1064

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AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution requiring the Department of Human Services to review certain standards and policies for youth shelters; specifying conditions; directing distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, children and youth shelters are intended as safe temporary housing for children in crisis; and

WHEREAS, too frequently children are able to leave shelters of their own volition, without authorization or supervision; and

WHEREAS, such condition endangers the safety and well-being of the child and presents a potential danger to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. The Department of Human Services shall review children and youth shelter standards and policies, and shall revise said standards and policies as necessary to ensure that, except as specifically authorized, children remain safely within the shelter or under the supervision of the shelter staff.

SECTION 2. The shelters operated directly by the Department of Human Services shall adhere to the same shelter standards and policies as those required for private nonprofit shelters contracting with the Department.

SECTION 3. Copies of this resolution shall be delivered to the Director of the Department of Human Services, each of the

Commissioners of Human Services, the Governor, and the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

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 resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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