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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2393

By: Seikel and Boyd (Laura) of
the House

and

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(children - Early Identification and Service Support for
Infants Act - codification -

effective date)

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 601.70 of Title 10, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Early
Identification and Service Support for Infants Act".

B. The State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Health Care
Authority, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, the
Department of Human Services, the State Department of Rehabilitation
Services, the State Department of Education, the Department of
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Office of Juvenile
Affairs, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, and other
appropriate public and private agencies shall:

1. Jointly design and implement a system for:

- a. early identification of an infant, including, but not limited to, identification at the time of, or prior to, the birth of an infant, who may require or who might benefit from services available through the state, whether such services are administered directly by the state, a governmental subdivision of the state, or by contract with a private agency or organization, and
- b. a program of voluntary home visitation to such infants and their families for the purpose of offering information, outreach, referral and follow-up to appropriate service resources, case-management or other necessary and appropriate services and assistance; and

2. Meet regularly with the Joint Legislative Committee for Review of Coordination of Services to Children and Youth, as directed by the Committee, and submit to the Committee progress reports, plans, interagency agreements and other information as appropriate or directed by the Committee.

C. The design and implementation of the service system required pursuant to the Early Identification and Service Support for Infants Act shall be based upon coordination of existing health, education, and social support programs and services, and utilization of collaborative funding mechanisms.

D. The State Department of Health shall be the lead agency for completing the design and implementation of the system required by this section and shall be responsible for convening meetings, and providing meeting space and administrative, staff, and other necessary support services. The remaining agencies listed in subsection B of this section shall be responsible for providing information and staff and other assistance as necessary to implement

the provisions of the Early Identification and Service Support for Infants Act.

E. Except as otherwise required by law with regard to child abuse and neglect, the consent of the parent or legal guardian of an infant identified pursuant to the Early Identification and Service Support for Infants Act shall be required for the provision of services pursuant to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-546 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A screening procedure for the early identification of an infant who requires or who might benefit from health or social support services provided through a program of voluntary home visitation pursuant to the Early Identification and Service Support for Infants Act shall, with the consent of the parent or legal guardian of the infant, be conducted for each infant. Such infant screening procedure shall be administered by a registered nurse or other qualified person. The State Board of Health shall develop guidelines for administration of such infant screening procedures pursuant to this section.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-547 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The results of the infant screening procedures, conducted pursuant to Section 2 of this act, shall be:

1. Reported to the State Department of Health in accordance with procedures adopted by the State Board of Health; and
2. Forwarded to the appropriate agency or organization in accordance with the system designed and implemented pursuant to the Early Identification and Service Support for Infants Act.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-548 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Commissioner of Health shall compile and publish annually the results of the screening procedures for the early identification of infants who might require health or other services and may release such information in accordance with the system designed and implemented pursuant to the Early Identification and Service Support for Infants Act to the appropriate agencies or organizations.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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