

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2859

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma Project for Violence Prevention; assigning responsibility for the Project to the State Department of Health; providing for the purposes of the project; providing for the development and implementation of violence prevention plans, strategies and programs; providing for content; specifying certain responsibilities of the State Department of Health; making certain requirements of certain state agencies; 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 1-250 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Project for Violence Prevention within the State Department of Health. The purpose of the Project is to address various forms of violence by providing

information, technical assistance, support and facilitation to local communities and to public and private agencies in order to:

1. Develop and implement community-based plans and programs for violence prevention which:

- a. provide for the participation of area residents and the development of community, governmental, higher education and other partnerships in achieving violence prevention goals,
- b. identify specific, concrete and measurable objectives,
- c. incorporate comprehensive, focused, strategies that utilize existing state and local programs and resources, and
- d. incorporate approaches to violence prevention that have been proven to be or are most likely to be effective;

2. Develop and implement plans and mechanisms for the effective coordinated expenditure of state and local funds for violence prevention.

B. The State Department of Health shall:

1. Identify target communities as Project sites. Objective criteria, including but not limited to the incidence of violence, shall be the basis for the selection of a community as a Project site;

2. Provide information, technical assistance, support and facilitation to the local community and to public and private agencies operating within the community for the development and implementation of local violence prevention plans and programs;

3. Provide information, technical assistance and support to state agencies responsible for violence prevention programs;

4. Facilitate the development of comprehensive, coordinated, state and local violence prevention plans; and

5. Provide training and skills development to local communities and public and private agencies for the implementation of priority violence prevention activities.

C. All state agencies receiving state or federal funds related to violence prevention or operating programs related to violence prevention shall cooperate with and assist the State Department of Health in fulfilling the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. 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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