

SHORT TITLE: Poor persons; prohibiting state participation in federally mandated welfare initiatives after certain date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

SENATE BILL NO. 1235

By: Pierce

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S. 1991, Section 26.15, which relates to contracts with agencies of the United States Government; prohibiting state participation in any federal welfare initiative that mandates certain requirements after certain date; allowing state participation in certain federal welfare programs; directing the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission to operate state welfare programs with state appropriated funds only under certain circumstances; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 26.15, is amended to read as follows:

Section 26.15 The Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission is authorized to enter into contracts with ~~the various~~ agencies of the United States Government, or any agency or subdivision of state, county or city government, for the purpose of receiving for the State of Oklahoma, items of food, clothing or other things of value which may be donated and used by schools, penal or eleemosynary institutions, or by any citizen, public or private charitable organization that may be designated as an eligible recipient of the item by the donating agency with which the Commission has entered into contractual agreement; provided, however, after January 1, 1997, the state shall not participate in any federal welfare initiative for which the federal government mandates specific eligibility requirements. After January 1, 1997, the state shall

only participate in those federal programs which have no federally mandated eligibility requirements. In the event the federal government dictates mandates for the use of federal welfare funds after January 1, 1996, the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission is hereby directed to operate state welfare programs with state appropriated funds only.

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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