STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1391

By: Seikel and Boyd (Laura) of the House

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An Act relating to children; creating the Coordinated Database System for Children Act; providing short title; stating purpose; directing implementation in certain manner; directing certain state agencies to jointly design and implement certain coordinated database system; directing certain interagency agreements for certain purpose; designating lead agency; providing for duties and responsibilities; requiring certain reports and recommendations; establishing certain deadlines; providing for content of the coordinated database system; 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 630.1 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Coordinated Database System for Children Act".

B. The purpose of the Coordinated Database System for Children Act is to design and implement a system that provides data linkages for the sharing of case information and for aggregate data analysis for planning, research, outcome evaluation and service coordination.

C. The system shall be implemented through interagency agreements and shall utilize a database application that supports information sharing to reduce duplication, improve service delivery and allow data analysis for planning, research and evaluation. The database application shall be jointly developed, implemented and utilized by the public agencies responsible for services to children in this state and private agencies that provide such services pursuant to a contract with a state agency.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 630.2 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Entities which shall jointly design and implement the coordinated database system shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;

2. The Department of Human Services;

3. The State Department of Health;

4. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

5. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

6. The State Department of Education;

7. The Office of State Finance;

8. The Office of Juvenile Affairs;

9. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services;

10. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce; and

11. Consumer representatives.

B. 1. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall serve as the lead agency in initiating the collaborative process among entities identified in subsection A of this section in order to design and implement the system required by the Coordinated Database System for Children Act. The Commission shall be responsible for convening meetings and providing meeting space, administrative staff and other necessary support services. The Commission shall schedule meetings in conjunction with the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Task Force.

2. The remaining agencies listed in subsection A of this section shall be responsible for providing information, staff and other assistance as necessary to design and implement the system required by the Coordinated Database System for Children Act.

C. On or before February 1, 1998, the agencies listed in subsection A of this section shall jointly submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the chairs of the appropriate legislative committees, a report which shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A statement of progress regarding the design and implementation of the system required by the Coordinated Database System for Children Act; and

2. Identification of any statutory changes and funding necessary to implement the system.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 630.3 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The design of a coordinated database system that provides data linkages for the sharing of case information and for aggregate data analysis for planning, research, outcome evaluation and service coordination for children shall:

1. Be based upon efforts currently underway through the data matching project initiated by the Needs-Met Services Committee;

2. Be consistent with the data-sharing design to be recommended and utilized by the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Task Force; and

3. Include, but not be limited to:

a. the development of a database application that supports information sharing to reduce duplication of effort, improve service delivery and allow tracking of specified outcomes for children. Application development shall include a joint application design process,

b. procedures for ensuring confidentiality of information in accordance with state and federal laws,

c. a funding and implementation plan, which may include phased-in implementation, and

d. procedures for coordinating, monitoring and improving data collection to support improved services to clients and analysis of policy options.

B. Preliminary recommendations for the database application and funding shall be completed on or before February 1, 1999.

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

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