

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2597

By: Wells

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending Section 11, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 1995, as last amended by Section 126, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 1997 (10 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 7111), which relates to child abuse; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 11, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 1995, as last amended by Section 126, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 1997 (10 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 7111), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7111. A. There is hereby established within the Department of Human Services a statewide central registry for child abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect made pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Abuse Reporting and Prevention Act. ~~Any additional requirements required by this section that are not already within the existing statewide central registry for child abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect shall be fully implemented by January 1, 1996.~~

B. The Child Welfare Division of the Department of Human Services shall be responsible for maintaining the registry, which shall be suitably cross-indexed, of all such reported findings.

C. The central registry shall contain, but shall not be limited to:

1. All information in the written report required by Section 7103 of this title;

2. A record of the final disposition of the report including services offered and services accepted;

3. The plan for rehabilitative treatment;

4. The names and identifying data, dates, and circumstances of any persons requesting or receiving information from the registry; and

5. Any other information which might be helpful in furthering the purposes of this section.

D. Data and information related to individual cases in the central registry shall be confidential and shall be made available only as authorized by state or federal law.

E. The Commission for Human Services shall promulgate rules governing the availability of such data and information.

F. Rules promulgated by the Commission shall encourage cooperation with other states in exchanging reports in order to effect a national registration system.

G. Any person employed in the central registry who permits the data and information stored in the registry to be released without authorization to persons or agencies other than those specified by law shall be guilty of a felony. The fine for a violation of this subsection shall not be more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

H. Any court or agency records relating to confirmed, ruled out or unconfirmed reports shall be maintained by the court or agency until otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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