

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3217

By: Glover

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; directing the Department of Human Services to establish a certain identity verification system for certain purposes; specifying utilization of finger imaging; requiring certain compliance by certain persons; providing for penalties; limiting access to and use of certain information; requiring the promulgation of certain rules; providing for certain exceptions; providing for codification; and providing an 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 1009 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Human Services shall establish and implement an identity verification system utilizing finger imaging for the purpose of preventing the duplicate participation by an individual in public assistance programs, reducing fraud and maintaining program identity.

B. On and after the implementation of a finger imaging system, every applicant for public assistance, including but not limited to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Medicaid programs, shall be required to be finger imaged as a condition of eligibility for assistance. Refusal or failure to comply with this requirement shall result in ineligibility for assistance.

C. The Department shall promulgate rules setting forth the finger imaging requirements, and may provide for exceptions to the requirements due to physical or other impairments.

D. Finger imaging obtained pursuant to this act shall be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility for and reducing fraud in public assistance programs and shall not be accessed by any other agency or used for any other purpose.

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

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