SHORT TITLE: Mental health; creating the Coordination of Services for Substance Abuse in Oklahoma Act; codification; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1378 By: Weedn

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; creating the Coordination of Services for Substance Abuse in Oklahoma Act; providing short title; stating purpose; providing for implementation of certain system utilizing certain application; specifying responsibility for system design and implementation, collaboration, staffing, and other assistance; requiring report; establishing basis for system design; providing for contents of design; requiring completion of certain recommendations by certain date; 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 3-431.1 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Coordination of Services for Substance Abuse in Oklahoma Act".

B. The purpose of this 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 primarily through intra-agency 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 information, referral and follow-up services to substance abuse clients 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 3-431.2 of Title 43A, 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 the following state agencies:

1. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

2. Department of Public Safety;

3. Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control;

4. Department of Human Services;

5. State Department of Education;

6. Department of Corrections;

7. Office of Juvenile Affairs;

8. Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

9. State Department of Rehabilitation Services; and

10. State Department of Health.

B. 1. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services 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 this act.

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 this act.

3. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall invite representatives from outside organizations to participate in the design of the system required by this act.

C. On or before December 1 of each year the agencies listed in subsection A of this section shall jointly submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the appropriate legislative committees a report which details the progress made toward the design and implementation of the system and which identifies any necessary statutory changes and funding required to implement the system.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-431.3 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The design of the coordinated system of information, referral and follow-up services established by Section 1 of this act shall be:

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

2. Consistent with the data-sharing design to be recommended and utilized by the Coordination of Services for Older Oklahomans Task Force and the Coordinated Database System for Children Act.

B. The design shall include, but not be limited to:

1. 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 substance abuse clients. Application development shall include a joint application design process;

2. Procedures for ensuring confidentiality of information in accordance with state and federal laws;

3. A funding and implementation plan, which may include phased-in implementation; and

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

C. Preliminary recommendations for the database application and funding shall be completed on or before February 1, 2000.

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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