

SHORT TITLE: Oklahoma Sunset Law and mental health; re-creating the
Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 75

By: Harrison of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Sunset Law and mental health; amending 43A O.S. 1991, Section 3-407, which relates to the Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse; re-creating council until certain date; providing statutory reference; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 1991, Section 3-407, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-407. A. The Therapeutic Advisory Council for Drug Abuse Prevention, as authorized under Sections 653.11 et seq. of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and the Alcoholism Advisory Council, as authorized by Sections 2115 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, are hereby abolished. The Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is hereby created, to continue until July 1, ~~1996~~ 2002, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1. The Advisory Council shall consist of fifteen (15) voting members, to be selected by the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Initial appointments shall be made from among the current appointive members of the two former councils;

2. For the initial appointment, the Board shall designate five members for a term of one (1) year, five members for a term of two (2) years, and five members for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years and vacancies shall be filled only to the expiration of the remaining term. Members shall be eligible for reappointment;

3. After the initial appointment, members shall be selected by the Board on a statewide basis to ensure geographical distribution and shall be representative of both professional and lay citizens interested in the problem of alcoholism, drug dependence and other substance abuse;

4. The Board may from time to time appoint permanent ex officio nonvoting members consisting of directors of public agencies or their designees, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board; and

5. Members shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

B. The Council shall meet monthly at a location designated by the Board.

C. The Council shall advise the Board relating to:

1. Facility certification policies and procedures;

2. Formulation of long-range plans for development of adequate services and facilities for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, drug dependence and other forms of substance abuse;

3. The promotion, development, establishment, coordination and conduct of unified programs for prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation in the field of alcoholism, drug dependence and other forms of substance abuse; and

4. The evaluation of existing or planned programs.

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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