

ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 674

By: Cain and Williams of the
Senate

and

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An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma Learning Communities Partnership Act; providing short title; stating purposes; providing for governance by a board of directors; providing for membership, terms, quorum and compensation of members; providing for powers, duties and authority of the Partnership; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Toure

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to children and families; creating the Oklahoma Communities Partnership Act; stating purpose; providing for membership, terms, quorum and compensation of members; providing for powers and duties; authorizing creation of a not-for-profit corporation; stating purpose of the corporation; authorizing the board of directors to select a name and chairperson; directing corporation to apply for tax-exempt status; providing for receiving funds; allowing the not-for-profit corporation to underwrite partnership activities; authorizing the corporation to hire staff and assist in other activities; 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 640 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Communities Partnership Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 640.1 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The purpose of the Oklahoma Communities Partnership Act is to:

1. Develop a statewide public-private partnership entity to augment community efforts with planning, financing, and delivery of services for children and families;

2. Foster the development of innovative programs to better serve children and families in this state; and

3. Develop specific public-private partnership program goals and related evaluations.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 640.2 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2005, in accordance with the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Communities Partnership Commission. The Oklahoma Communities Partnership Commission shall consist of sixteen (16) members, as follows:

1. Eight members representing private foundations, businesses or corporate entities and the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, two to be appointed by the Governor, and three each to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

2. Eight members representing the public sector of state government as follows:

a. the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee,

b. the Director of Human Services, or designee,

c. the State Commissioner of Health, or designee,

d. the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or designee,

- e. the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, or designee,
- f. the Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, or designee,
- g. the Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or designee, and
- h. the Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, or designee.

B. Representatives of private foundations, businesses, corporate entities and the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce shall serve initial terms as follows:

1. The members initially appointed by the Governor shall serve until November 1, 2000;

2. The members initially appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve until November 1, 2002; and

3. The members initially appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve until November 1, 2003.

C. As the terms of the initially appointed members expire, the terms of subsequently appointed members shall expire every four (4) years on November 1.

D. 1. A vacancy in a position shall be filled in the same manner as provided in subsection A of this section.

2. A majority of the members of the Partnership shall constitute a quorum. Any action of the Partnership must be approved by a majority of the members present.

3. Members appointed pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of this section shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Human Services shall call an organizational meeting of the Commission no later than

December 1, 1999, at which time members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 640.3 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The duties of the Oklahoma Communities Partnership Commission shall be to improve the development and delivery of services to children and families by:

1. Establishing a forum for providing state-level public and private leadership to:

- a. promote and achieve blending of the contributions of the private sector, and local communities with state government funds,
- b. encourage participation by major private foundations, corporations, and businesses and encourage the use and provision of state funds as an incentive and aid for mobilization and organization of local resources, and
- c. provide training technical assistance and information on the use of creative public-private partnerships and effective model programs;

2. Garnering financial support for Partnership projects or Partnership-sponsored projects by:

- a. leveraging state and national private charitable and corporate resources, and
- b. coordinating a process to maximize receipt and effective use of state-administered federal funds;

3. Providing and coordinating training and technical assistance to local communities to foster public-private partnerships and to utilize innovative financing strategies; and

4. Supporting improved and coordinated information sharing to evaluate the effectiveness of Partnership activities and community programs.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 640.4 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby authorized the creation of a not-for-profit corporation to raise funds and to assist in the implementation of the Oklahoma Communities Partnership Act.

B. The board of directors of the corporation authorized in subsection A of this section is authorized to select a name for the corporation. The board shall choose its own chairperson.

C. After proper incorporation, the not-for-profit corporation is authorized and directed to apply for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3)).

D. In addition to funds received from the general public or other public and private sources, the not-for-profit corporation may receive funds from state agencies at such times and in such amounts as may be appropriated by the Legislature or made available to the corporation from state agencies from their sources of revenue.

E. Costs to underwrite activities related to the Oklahoma Communities Partnership Commission may be borne from revenues of the not-for-profit corporation.

F. Upon the incorporation, the not-for-profit corporation shall be authorized to hire staff and name advisory groups or steering committees as necessary to assist in implementing the Oklahoma Communities Partnership Act.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999."

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of April, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1999.

President of the Senate