

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1825

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An Act relating to children and youth; stating purpose of act; requiring state agencies to perform certain duties; requiring development of proposal; requiring report; 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 601.14 of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that several state agencies are responsible for programs aimed at reducing and preventing various risk behaviors among children and youth, including tobacco, alcohol and illicit drug use, violence and sexual activity. The intent of the Legislature is to make better use of scarce resources by combining agency efforts to create a comprehensive statewide system of risk behavior prevention and positive youth development.

B. In cooperation with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Human Services, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall act as the lead agency in implementing the provisions of this act. The Commission shall conduct meetings with representatives of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, and the State Department of Education, hereafter referred to as the

collaboration team, for the purpose of coordinating prevention efforts.

The Commission shall also involve other public and private entities that have an interest in the long-term well-being of children and youth.

C. The Commission shall conduct an initial meeting of the collaboration team no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act.

D. Members of the collaboration team shall develop a proposal for a pilot program to coordinate prevention efforts in three counties of the state that vary in population size and diversity, and shall determine the standards by which the pilot program will be evaluated. The proposal shall be presented to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Human Services and to the members of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth for approval no later than January 1, 2002.

E. The collaboration team shall submit a report of its activities and any policy or funding recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Governor no later than January 14, 2002.

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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