

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2251

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An Act relating to mental health; stating intent of Legislature that Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services survey jails; stating information to be collected; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services survey all the county jails within the State of Oklahoma to determine:

1. How many inmates currently incarcerated in county jails are mentally ill;

2. How many inmates within the last year who are no longer incarcerated in the county jail were mentally ill;

3. The disposition of the cases of those mentally ill inmates who are no longer incarcerated;

4. How the county jails provide services to mentally ill inmates;

5. What are the unmet needs of the mentally ill inmates in county jails; and

6. Any other issues deemed relevant by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services regarding mentally ill inmates incarcerated in county jails.

This survey shall be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. The results of the survey shall be provided to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

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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