

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1004

By: Gilbert of the House

and

Rozell and Williams of the
Senate

A Concurrent Resolution establishing a committee to review the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act; stating duties of the committee; providing for membership; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for termination of the committee; providing for staff assistance; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, at least one in five children and adolescents may have a behavioral, emotional or mental health problem; and

WHEREAS, one in twenty children and adolescents may have a mental illness that severely disrupts the ability of the child or adolescent to interact effectively with others; and

WHEREAS, the availability of and access to quality mental health treatment are both critical to the long-term well-being of these children and adolescents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT a committee be established to review the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding any necessary changes.

THAT the committee be composed of fourteen (14) members as follows:

1. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall serve as cochair of the committee;
2. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who shall serve as cochair of the committee;
3. One member who is a judge with docket responsibilities regarding the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

4. One member who is a district attorney or assistant district attorney with knowledge and experience in the Inpatient Mental Health Treatment of Children Act, appointed by the District Attorneys Council;

5. One member who is a sheriff, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6. One member who is a chief of police, appointed by the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7. One member who is the director of a community mental health center, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8. One member who is the director of a private mental health facility, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

9. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or a designee;

10. The Director of Human Services or a designee;

11. The Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs or a designee;

12. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth or a designee;

13. One member who is a child advocate with current knowledge of the mental health care system for children, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

14. One member who is a parent of a child with a mental illness, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

THAT the committee shall hold an initial meeting no later than July 1, 2001.

THAT members of the committee shall make recommendations for statutory revisions available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than November 1, 2001.

THAT committee members employed by the state be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the committee by their respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Remaining committee members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the committee by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate provide staff assistance to the committee, as necessary, to assist the committee in the performance of its duties.

THAT the committee terminate by February 4, 2002.

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee of the Supreme Court, the District Attorneys Council, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Director of the Department of Human Services, the Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, and the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 24th day of May, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the Senate