

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; authorizing the Department of Human Services to provide funding for statewide data collection and analysis system on marriage and divorce in Oklahoma; requiring certain agreements between the Department of Human Services, the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Supreme Court; providing for promulgation of standards and procedures; providing for reports; providing for contents; requiring utilization of certain forms; 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 230.74 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Human Services, subject to availability of funding and as may be permitted by federal law or regulation governing the Department of Human Services' block grant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), is specifically authorized to provide funding assistance from such block grant or other available funds for the development and operation of a statewide data collection and analysis system on marriage and divorce in Oklahoma pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. 1. By September 1, 2001, the Department of Human Services and the State Department of Health shall enter into an agreement to implement the data collection and analysis system specified by subsection A of this section.

2. By November 1, 2001, the State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Supreme Court with the assistance of the Administrative

Office of the Courts shall enter into an agreement to obtain necessary information related to the establishment and operation of a statewide data collection and analysis system on marriage and divorce in Oklahoma. The necessary information shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. reports of each license and certificate of marriage recorded by the judge or clerk of each district court, and
- b. reports of each divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance ordered by each district court.

3. Marriage reporting form shall utilize the U.S. Standard License and Certificate of Marriage adopted by the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

4. Divorce reporting shall utilize the U.S. Standard Certificate of Divorce, Dissolution of Marriage, or Annulment adopted by the National Center for Health Statistics of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

C. The State Department of Health shall periodically evaluate, publish and distribute the marriage and divorce data in a publication. Such report shall be made available to the public.

D. The Oklahoma Supreme Court with the assistance of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall promulgate:

1. Standards and procedures for each district court to report to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics each license and certificate of marriage recorded by the judge or clerk of the court; and

2. Standards and procedures for each district court to report to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics each divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance ordered by the court.

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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