

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB1115

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; stating legislative findings; providing for study by certain agencies; providing for report; 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:

A. The Oklahoma Legislature recognizes that a small but needy group of youth and children who are dually diagnosed as having mental disorders as well as developmental delays are inadequately served by the State of Oklahoma which has the Department of Human Services treating youth and children with developmental disabilities and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services treating youth and children with mental disorders, with neither agency able to adequately serve this special population.

The Legislature further recognizes that providing appropriate services to this population will take significant cooperation and coordination between the involved state agencies.

B. The Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall conduct a study regarding how to provide appropriate treatment and services to dually diagnosed youth and children. The previously listed agencies shall submit a report of the findings of their study to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor by September 1, 2001.

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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