

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE BILL 1648

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; creating the 2-1-1 Helpline Act; creating the 2-1-1 Helpline Act; making Program contingent upon funding; stating purpose of the Program; making the Department of Human Services the coordinating agency for the Program; providing certain duties for the Department; directing the Department to develop the 2-1-1 Helpline Pilot Program by coordinating the development of a 2-1-1 Helpline System; providing for additional systems; requiring System be established in certain county; giving preference to certain area; authorizing the Department to contract with certain organization for development of the Program; providing for additional financial support; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 3020 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "2-1-1 Helpline Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3021 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Contingent upon funding, the Oklahoma Legislature hereby establishes the 2-1-1 Helpline Pilot Program for the development of a 2-1-1 Helpline system. The purpose of the Pilot Program shall be to test of the feasibility of establishing a 2-1-1 Helpline system for the entire state.

B. The Department of Human Services shall be the coordinating agency for the 2-1-1 Helpline Pilot Program. The Department shall

work with the Pilot Program participant, telecommunications providers, human service organizations, and other state agencies in implementing the Pilot Program.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3023 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Contingent upon funding, the Department of Human Services shall implement the 2-1-1 Helpline Pilot Program by coordinating the development of a 2-1-1 Helpline System. The Department may develop additional 2-1-1 Helpline Systems as funds become available. The 2-1-1 Helpline Pilot Program System shall be established in a county having more than five hundred thousand (500,000) population according to the latest Federal Decennial Census. The Department shall give preference to an area in which public and nonprofit agencies serving the elderly, mentally ill, disabled, and the general public has begun preliminary work on designing and implementing a 2-1-1 Helpline system.

B. The Department may contract with a nonprofit community service organization in the area selected for the Pilot Program to develop and implement the 2-1-1 Helpline Pilot Program. The contracting organization may secure financial support for the Pilot Program from private sources and federal grants.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 5. 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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