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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, February 23, 2006

Committee Substitute for
Senate Bill No. 1071

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1071 - By: CRAIN of the Senate and PETERS of the House.

[State Government - requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a three-year pilot program - effective date]

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 2903 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The purpose and intent of this act is to address the problem of homelessness caused from poor financial management.

B. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department of Human Services shall develop and implement a three-year pilot program through which persons belonging to vulnerable populations may receive payee and financial management services.

C. Persons belonging to a vulnerable population include, but are not limited to:

- 1. The elderly;
- 2. The mentally disabled;
- 3. The physically disabled;
- 4. The homeless; and

1 5. Individuals involved in drug or alcohol rehabilitation
2 programs.

3 D. Payee and financial management services include, but are not
4 limited to:

5 1. Obtaining and/or retaining clients' money;

6 2. Coordinating and administering alternative payment
7 arrangements with creditors;

8 3. Issuing spending allowances for clients; and

9 4. Educating clients on budget management skills.

10 E. The Department of Human Services shall enter into a contract
11 through a competitive bid process to carry out the provisions of
12 this act. Such contracted entity shall be a nonprofit organization
13 with experience in providing payee services to persons in Oklahoma.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-15-06 - DO
16 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.