

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2001

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating committee to study developmental disability rates; providing for purpose; requiring certain report; providing for distribution; and providing an 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 1-869 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As an augmentation to the rates paid for services for the developmentally disabled, the Director of the Department of Human Services shall form a committee to biannually:

1. Evaluate the Habilitation Training Specialist reimbursement rate for both metropolitan and rural areas of the state with special emphasis on those developmentally disabled service providers who serve:

- a. not-for-profit corporations,
- b. less than fifty clients, and
- c. clients needing weekend, evening or shift services;

2. Study the factors related to rates which would include but not be limited to:

- a. number of individuals served,
- b. contract revenues and expenditures,
- c. program service recipient fees,
- d. employee compensation and benefits,
- e. employee overtime,

- f. comparison of program provider rates within the metropolitan and urban areas of the state,
- g. employee turnover rate, and
- h. administrative expenses;

3. In order to enhance services to the developmentally disabled, encourage stronger private and public partnerships at the community level in order to address unmet service needs for the developmentally disabled and provide training and continued education for service providers;

4. Generally expedite the developmentally disabled assistance application, eligibility determination and approval process; and

5. Discuss providing for grants, stipends, scholarships for training and upgrading personnel and equipment with specific emphasis on strengthening developmentally disabled services in rural areas.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-869a of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The committee established by the Department of Human Services pursuant to this act shall make recommendations regarding the developmentally disabled services provider rate and other necessary program improvements. The report shall be distributed to the Director of the Department of Human Services, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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