

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

SENATE BILL 1803

By: Nichols

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; stating powers of certain office; providing for codification; 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 1-105f of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Office of Accountability Systems of the State Department of Health (OAS) shall have the authority to:

1. Coordinate audits and investigations and make reports to the State Board of Health and Commissioner of Health and State Health Officer relating to the administration of programs and operations of the State Department of Health;

2. Access all records, reports, audits, reviews, documents, papers, recommendations, or other material which relate to programs and operations with respect to which the Director of the Office of Accountability Systems has responsibilities;

3. Request assistance from other state, federal and local government agencies;

4. Issue subpoenas for the production of all information, documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, papers, and other data and documentary evidence necessary to perform the OAS functions;

5. Administer to or take from any person an oath, affirmation, or affidavit;

6. Receive and investigate complaints or information from an employee of the Department, service recipient or member of the public concerning the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules or regulations, mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority or a substantial and specific danger to the public health and safety;

7. Cause to be issued on behalf of OAS credentials, including a badge with the State Seal, and a Photo I.D.; and

8. Keep confidential all actions and records relating to OAS complaints.

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

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