

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1422

By: Paddock of the Senate

and

6 Shelton and Steele of the  
7 House

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9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to mental health; directing the  
11 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
12 Services to develop and implement a mental health  
13 first aid pilot program; stating purpose of program;  
14 setting curriculum requirements; providing for a  
15 certificate in mental health first aid upon  
16 completion of certain training; authorizing the  
17 Department to enter into certain contract; requiring  
18 certain report; directing the Board of Mental Health  
19 and Substance Abuse Services to promulgate rules;  
20 providing for codification; and providing an  
21 effective date.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

23 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 13-101 of Title 43A, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
shall develop and implement a mental health first aid pilot program.  
The purpose of the mental health first aid pilot program shall be to

1 train non-mental-health professionals in how to support an  
2 individual in a mental health crisis situation until professional  
3 help can be obtained.

4 B. The Department shall adopt a curriculum which, at a minimum,  
5 shall include training for individuals on the symptoms, causes and  
6 evidence-based treatments for common mental health problems,  
7 including, but not limited to, depression, anxiety disorders,  
8 psychosis, and substance abuse disorders. The curriculum shall also  
9 address possible crisis situations arising from these mental health  
10 problems and steps to support an individual in a crisis situation.

11 C. The Department shall issue a certificate in mental health  
12 first aid to individuals who complete the course of training. The  
13 Department shall establish criteria for certification.

14 D. The Department is authorized to enter into a contract to  
15 implement the provisions of this section.

16 E. On or before December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter, the  
17 Department shall submit a report to the Legislature stating the  
18 number of participants in the program, the number of individuals who  
19 received a certificate in the program, and any recommendations for  
20 improvement of the program.

21 F. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
22 shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement the provisions of  
23 this section.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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