

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1422

By: Paddack of the Senate

3 and

4 Shelton and Steele of the
5 House

6
7 [mental health - Department of Mental Health and
8 Substance Abuse Services - pilot program -
9 codification -

10 effective date]

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

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

16 A. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
17 shall develop and implement a mental health first aid pilot program.
18 The purpose of the mental health first aid pilot program shall be to
19 train non-mental health professionals in how to support an
20 individual in a mental health crisis situation until professional
21 help can be obtained.

22 B. The Department shall adopt a curriculum which, at a minimum,
23 shall include training for individuals on the symptoms, causes and
24 evidence-based treatments for common mental health problems,

1 including, but not limited to, depression, anxiety disorders,
2 psychosis, and substance abuse disorders. The curriculum shall also
3 address possible crisis situations arising from these mental health
4 problems and steps to support an individual in a crisis situation.

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

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

10 E. On or before December 31, 2009 and annually thereafter, the
11 Department shall submit a report to the Legislature stating the
12 number of participants in the program, the number of individuals who
13 received a certificate in the program and any recommendations for
14 improvement of the program.

15 F. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
16 shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement the provisions of
17 this section.

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

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