

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1044

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S. 2001,
8 Sections 625.1 and 625.2, which relate to the
9 Independent Living Services Act; modifying language;
10 exempting certain entities from the Oklahoma Central
11 Purchasing Act; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 625.1, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 625.1 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as
16 the "Independent Living Services Act".

17 B. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that individuals
18 with disabilities comprise a large percentage of Oklahoma's total
19 population. Such individuals need assistance in living fuller and
20 more independent lives. Individuals with disabilities receive
21 assistance in the form of independent living ~~in the form of direct~~
22 ~~client services provided by the Department of Rehabilitation Services~~
23 ~~and in the form of independent living~~ services as provided by centers
24 for independent living pursuant to the federal Rehabilitation Act of

1 1973, as amended. However, as currently funded, such services are
2 not sufficient to meet the independent living needs of individuals
3 with disabilities. As a result, it is necessary to provide state
4 funding to expand the services currently provided.

5 C. For purposes of the Independent Living Services Act:

6 1. "Independent living center" has the same definition as such
7 term is defined by the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended,
8 or its implementing federal regulations; and

9 2. "Independent living services" has the same definition as such
10 term is defined by the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended,
11 or its implementing federal regulations.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 625.2, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 625.2 A. There is hereby created the Statewide
15 Independent Living Council which shall be established pursuant to the
16 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, codified at 29
17 U.S.C., Section 701 et seq., as amended.

18 B. The duties of the Council shall be those as set forth in the
19 federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

20 C. Subject to the availability of state funds other than those
21 appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the
22 purpose of providing independent living services to its clients, and
23 in accordance with the State Plan for Independent Living, the
24 Department of Rehabilitation Services, in joint effort with the

1 Statewide Independent Living Council, may contract with independent
2 living centers for the purpose of providing independent living
3 services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

4 D. Independent living centers described under subsection C of
5 this section shall be exempt from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

6 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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