

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

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The Conference Committee Substitute deleted the requirement that a law enforcement officer transport a person in protective custody who is medically unstable to a medical facility for treatment.

The CCS for HB 1616 provides that a person who has been taken into protective custody due to mental illness or drug or alcohol dependency, and who is medically unstable, may be transported to a medical facility for treatment. If the person becomes medically stable and still requires treatment for mental illness or drug or alcohol dependency, the measure authorizes the physician to detain the person for transport to a treatment facility as provided for in statute.

Fiscal Summary

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The CCS for HB 1616 amends Title 43A related to emergency detention of persons appearing to be mentally ill, alcohol dependent, or drug dependent. This legislation specifies certain procedures for an officer to take when a person is medically unstable, authorizing a physician to detain a person until medically stable, and specifies procedures upon determination of emergency detention subsequent to initial assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

Based on information provided by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), the CCS for HB 1616 will have minimal fiscal impact related to additional transportation expenses for law enforcement, an expense currently reimbursed by ODMHSAS at the state designated mileage rate. In most cases, the distance between the emergency detention site and a medical facility will be approximately five (5) miles. The current state mileage rate is \$0.55 per mile making the average reimbursement for these trips \$2.75. The annual estimate for trips meeting the criteria specified in this legislation will be 180 trips. The fiscal impact of the CCS for HB 1616 will be approximately \$495.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed by:

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