

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 479
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Bill Summary

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The PCS for Engrossed SB 479 modifies the provisions exempting administrators of specialized facilities for the mentally retarded or developmentally disabled from meeting licensure requirements of the State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators by requiring administrators to either be currently licensed by the Board or be qualified by education and/or experience in management per State Health Department rules. Directs the Oklahoma State Department of Health to create a comprehensive chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) state plan that includes solutions for reducing the burden of COPD.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Mark Newman

The FULLPCS1 for SB 479 contains both amendatory and new language. The amendatory language modifies the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Long-Term Care Administrators requirements related to administrators for intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) or specialized homes serving the developmentally disabled.

The new language in the FULLPCS1 for SB 479 creates the “Oklahoma Plan for Comprehensive Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Act. This portion of the legislation requires the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to create a state plan that outlines sustainable solutions for reducing the burden of COPD in Oklahoma through the coordinated implementation of multiple strategies.

Fiscal Analysis

There is a potential loss of revenue to OSBELTCA based on a reduction in the number of administrators for certain facilities requiring a license. Based on information obtained from OSDH, the greatest fiscal impact related to the FULLPCS1 for SB 479 is associated with the requirement to create a state plan that outlines sustainable solutions for reducing the burden of COPD. It is estimated that the cost of implementing this provision will require the equivalent of 3 additional full-time employees and funding of \$223,169. The majority of these costs will go for salaries and benefits.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

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