

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 697
Version:	Proposed Committee Substitute
Author:	Sen. Gumm/Rep. Dorman
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Impact:	\$4,904

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Arnella Karges

The proposed committee substitute for Engrossed SB697 expands the members of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY), to 27 members, to include 8 new members as follows:

- One member representing the faith community, to be appointed by the Governor;
- One member involved in children's services systems as a youth, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore;
- The Governor and Lieutenant Governor to serve as ex officio nonvoting members;
- Two Representatives to serve as ex officio nonvoting members, one appointed by the Speaker and one appointed by the minority leader; and
- Two Senators serve as ex officio nonvoting members, one appointed by the President Pro Tempore and one appointed by the minority leader.

The proposed committee substitute also expands the duties of OCCY to include the review of prevention programs, to utilize social media in outreach, and to make all OCCY documents available to members of the legislature and the public through electronic means.

The Title is stricken on the proposed committee substitute for SB697.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: David Ligon

The Proposed Committee Substitute for SB 697 modifies the composition of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) from 19 members to 27 members. New members to OCCY include a member of the faith-based community, a person directly involved in youth activities, and certain specified ex-officio statewide elected officials and members of the Legislature. The bill further expands the duties and responsibilities of OCCY and adds a greater emphasis to reviewing child prevention programs.

Fiscal Analysis

Those state positions or their designee already receive state compensation and have a certain amount of operating funds associated with their positions which is deemed to cover expected travel expenses related to their participation in the Commission. Reimbursement of the elected and legislative members and other new appointed members would come from OCCY's budget.

The average cost of a Commissioner for reimbursement is \$613 annually to attend 8 meetings. Since eight new members are being added, OCCY estimates the additional travel reimbursement cost of the new members to \$4,904 annually.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

It is unclear how adding legislative and other executive branch members will affect discussions that now occur in relation to the coordination of services. It is, however, reasonable to assume that such involvement will better educated decisionmakers in regards to the latest child-related programs and practices.

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