

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1655</b>
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**Fiscal Summary**

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HB 1655 creates the fifteen-member Children's Cabinet for the purpose of developing, recommending, and implementing coordinated state policies to improve the health and welfare of children and families.

Specifically, the Children's Cabinet shall, (1.) promote a stable, safe and healthy environment for children and families; (2.) provide a regular forum for state agencies to meet and develop coordinated policy recommendations; and (3.) develop, no later than July 1, 2010, a strategic plan that shall provide a long-term children's policy for the state.

**Fiscal Analysis**

As written within the bill, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth's Office of Planning and Coordination would provide staff support which should not take additional personnel. The Children's Cabinet shall meet at least four times per year and is authorized to solicit, receive and pool federal funds or funds from any political subdivision, any individual, foundation, or corporation related to purpose of this act. Establishes a Youth Advisory Alliance of youth ages 14-21, shall meet at least twice a year to identify and examine issues of importance to youth, identify recommendations on potential solutions to issues facing youth, and to provide a report to the Children's Cabinet. As written, the members of the Cabinet or their respective agencies would be responsible for any travel reimbursement related to their duties from existing budgetary funds.

**Long Term Fiscal Considerations**

The intent in forming a Children's Cabinet is to hopefully lead to Oklahoma's youth and families receiving multiple public services in a streamlined, coordinated effort, which would improve the health and safety of Oklahoma families, while also reducing the duplication of costs and services provided by the respective state agencies.

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