

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill Summary

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The Committee Substitute restores the title to Engrossed SB 598 which redefines “person requiring treatment” due to mental illness or drug or alcohol addiction to be a person who poses a risk of physical harm to self or another person as manifested by threats or attempts at suicide, the inability to provide basic necessities for oneself, the inability to understand the need for treatment or by actions that have placed another person in danger. The measure also authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to collect site visit fees, not to exceed \$300.00 for any program the department is required to certify and requires the department to certify peer recovery support specialists who are employed by the state or by behavioral services providers that contract with the state.

Fiscal Summary

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The CS for ESB 598 contains both amendatory and new language related to mental health and the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS). This legislation amends the definition of a “person requiring treatment,” allows internal audit reports of ODMHSAS to be available to certain parties, and allows the agency to establish site visit fees not to exceed \$300 per visit. The CS for ESB 598 directs ODMHSAS to promulgate rules for certification of peer recovery support specialists employed by the state or behavioral health services providers contracting with the state and establish application and renewal fees not exceeding \$100.

Fiscal Analysis

The CS for ESB 598 clarifies language related to a “person requiring treatment” by reorganizing the existing language and will have no fiscal impact on state appropriations. The new fees authorized in the CS for ESB 598 are projected to cover the cost of conducting site visits for certifications conducted by ODMHSAS and the processing of applications for peer recovery support specialists. If any revenue is generated that will exceed the cost of these programs and the cost of promulgating the applicable rules, it will be minimal.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

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