

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2478

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S.
8 2011, Section 5-421, which relates to emergency
9 service patrols; permitting Department of Mental
10 Health and Substance Abuse Services to establish
11 certain emergency dispatch system if requested; and
12 providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 5-421, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5-421. A. Counties and municipalities may establish
17 emergency service patrols. A patrol consists of persons trained to
18 give assistance in public places to persons whom the patrol has
19 reasonable grounds to believe are mentally ill. Members of an
20 emergency service patrol shall be capable of providing first aid in
21 emergency situations and may transport mentally ill persons to their
22 homes and to and from approved treatment facilities and alternative
23 facilities.
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1 B. Standards for the establishment, training, and conduct of
2 emergency service patrols shall be adopted by the county or
3 municipality and approved by the Department of Mental Health and
4 Substance Abuse Services. These standards shall comply with the
5 standards of the regional emergency medical services plan.

6 C. All participating state and local agencies are directed to
7 coordinate with each other and cooperate in assisting the Department
8 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services as needed. If
9 specifically requested in two or more regional emergency medical
10 service plans, the Department may establish a law enforcement
11 behavioral health emergency dispatch system.

12 D. All emergency service patrols shall be required to keep
13 reliable data on services made available and provided by the
14 emergency service patrols.

15 E. Upon the request of the Department of Mental Health and
16 Substance Abuse Services, every state agency, board or commission
17 shall provide any information requested by the Department of Mental
18 Health and Substance Abuse Services to assess the effectiveness of
19 emergency service patrols.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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