

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3151

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Human Services;
8 amending 56 O.S. 2011, Section 162, as amended by
9 Section 1, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 2012 (56 O.S. Supp.
10 2013, Section 162), which relates to the duties and
11 powers of the Department; modifying contents of
12 annual report; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 162, as
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 2012 (56 O.S. Supp. 2013,
16 Section 162), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 162. A. The Governor shall have the power and duty to
18 select a Director of Human Services who shall serve as executive and
19 administrative officer of the Department of Human Services. The
20 Director shall be appointed wholly on the basis of ability, training
21 and experience qualifying him or her for public welfare
22 administration. The Director shall serve, subject to the
23 confirmation of the Senate, at the pleasure of the Governor. The
24 salary of the Director shall be fixed by the Governor.

1 B. The Director shall formulate the policies and adopt rules
2 and regulations for the effective administration of the duties of
3 the Department.

4 C. The Director shall require and set the amount of the bond
5 for employees.

6 D. The Director shall cooperate with the federal Department of
7 Health and Human Services, or other similar agencies created by
8 Congress, in any reasonable manner as may be necessary to qualify
9 for federal aid to states in providing assistance to needy persons
10 in conformity with the provisions of this title, including the
11 making of reports in the form and containing information as a
12 federal agency may from time to time require, and comply with any
13 other similar federal agency requirements necessary to ensure the
14 correctness and verification of the reports.

15 E. The Director shall publish an annual report, not later than
16 four (4) months after the close of each fiscal year. The report
17 shall be presented to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Annual
19 reports shall provide information about the operations and programs
20 administered by the Department and shall include, but shall not be
21 limited to:

22 1. Statistical information regarding services provided and the
23 number of persons served by Department programs;

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1 2. Financial data including a reasonable amount of detailed
2 information regarding revenues and expenditures and a breakdown and
3 comparison of the Department budget with actual expenditures;

4 3. Status of the workforce and productivity of the Department;

5 4. Information about Department efforts to ensure program
6 accountability and service delivery quality and integrity;

7 5. Demographic data and trends and their anticipated impact on
8 demand for services; ~~and~~

9 6. Information regarding public and private institution-based
10 services; and

11 7. An analysis of whether the eligibility criteria for each
12 means-tested program under the Department's jurisdiction causes any
13 inadvertent marriage penalties for program recipients, as well as
14 potential options for reducing or eliminating any marriage penalties
15 in the Department's programs.

16 F. The Director shall assume the statutory duties of the
17 Commission for Human Services.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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