

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB1182</b>
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<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Nelson, Sen. David</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

Engrossed SB 1182 authorizes DHS to utilize active or retired social work, medical and law enforcement professionals across the state to act as consultants to child welfare workers responding to a report of child abuse or neglect.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 1182 in its current form allows the Oklahoma Department of Human Service to employ or contract with active or retired social workers, medical and law enforcement professionals. The language in the bill is permissive and not mandatory. It is not known when or if DHS will contract with such individuals, at what rate or for what duration. Because DHS continues to contend with staffing levels for Child Welfare workers, expenses are expected to come from the existing payroll budget.

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**Other Considerations**

The language in the bill is permissive and not mandatory. DHS appreciates the support of legislative partners. The options provided to us via this bill provide more tools to continue to our reform efforts to better serve Oklahoma's children. Per the House A&B meeting, we will confirm that using lapse payroll dollars from CW is an option for funding these positions on a temporary basis, if we enter into time limited contracts with these professionals. It is not the Department's intention to use these professionals in lieu of permanent full time CW workers. There are a variety of models we have discussed, but these positions would be used to enhance access to expertise, and serve as a resource for our CW staff doing very challenging work every single day.

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