

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 697

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

Echols of the House

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6 [ home visiting programs - certain services and  
7 certain framework - standards and guidelines -  
8 standards for collaboration - report - codification -  
9 effective date ]

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 641 of Title 10, unless there is  
14 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Family  
16 Support Accountability Act".

17 B. As used in this act:

18 1. "Departments" means any department or agency of this state  
19 implementing home visiting programs including, but not limited to,  
20 the State Department of Health and the State Department of  
21 Education;

22 2. "Home visiting" means a publicly funded, standards-based  
23 program that:  
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1 a. is grounded in relevant, empirically based best  
2 practices knowledge that:

3 (1) has comprehensive home visiting standards that  
4 ensure high-quality service delivery and  
5 continuous quality improvement, and

6 (2) follows with fidelity a program manual or design  
7 that specifies the purpose, outcomes, duration,  
8 and frequency of services that constitute the  
9 program,

10 b. provides services to families of young children that  
11 elect to participate,

12 c. utilizes a variety of culturally relevant,  
13 developmentally appropriate strategies,

14 d. connects families to additional services that support  
15 parents,

16 e. promotes child well-being and prevents adverse  
17 childhood outcomes,

18 f. promotes parental competence, child health and  
19 development by building long-term relationships with  
20 families, and optimizes the relationships between  
21 parents and children in their home environments, and

22 g. provides for the collection and analysis of data about  
23 program performance and outcomes at the state, county,  
24 provider, and participant level; and

1           3. "Home visiting" shall not mean a one-time visit or  
2 infrequent home visits with no intention of long-term services, such  
3 as a program providing one home visit to newborn children. "Home  
4 visiting" shall also not include services delivered through an  
5 individualized family service plan or an individualized education  
6 program under Parts B or C of the Individuals with Disabilities  
7 Education Act, P.L. 101-476, services initiated by a report to the  
8 Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division or by  
9 court order or services through programs in which home visiting is  
10 supplemental to other services.

11           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 642 of Title 10, unless there is  
13 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14           A. The Departments shall provide home visiting services and  
15 shall provide a framework for service delivery and accountability  
16 across all home visiting programs to promote a continuum of care.

17           B. A home visiting program shall provide home-based family  
18 support services utilizing people who are specially trained to  
19 provide parenting education in face-to-face visits. The Departments  
20 shall ensure home visiting programs work in partnership to serve  
21 children, thereby maximizing the opportunities for families to  
22 receive services that best fit their needs.

23           C. A home visiting program shall focus on achieving two or more  
24 of the following:

1 1. Improved prenatal, maternal, infant or child health outcomes  
2 including, but not limited to, indicators such as preterm birth  
3 rates, substance abuse, and tobacco use;

4 2. Reduced entry into the child welfare system;

5 3. Improved positive parenting and relationship skills;

6 4. Improved parental self-sufficiency, including increased  
7 employment and educational attainment;

8 5. Improved child readiness to succeed in school; and

9 6. Improved social-emotional, cognitive, language, and physical  
10 development in children, including efforts at early identification  
11 of delays.

12 D. The Departments shall work with community partners,  
13 researchers, model developers, program providers, and interested  
14 private entities to develop processes that provide for a greater  
15 ability to collaborate, as well as share best practices and  
16 information as necessary and appropriate.

17 E. Authorization of funds through payments, contracts or grants  
18 that are used for home visiting programs shall include language  
19 regarding home visiting in the funding agreement contract or grant  
20 that is consistent with the provisions of this act.

21 F. State and local agencies administering home visiting  
22 programs as defined in this act, providers of home visiting  
23 services, and experts in home visiting program evaluation shall  
24 collaborate with the State Early Childhood Advisory Council to:

1           1. Jointly develop an outcomes measurement plan which includes  
2 indicators related to the objectives established in this act, in  
3 order to monitor outcomes for children and families receiving home  
4 visiting programs;

5           2. Complete and submit the outcomes measurement plan for  
6 publicly funded home visiting programs to the President Pro Tempore  
7 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
8 Governor, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and the  
9 State Early Childhood Advisory Council by January 1, 2016, and every  
10 subsequent five (5) years; and

11           3. Develop a process for collecting and reporting outcomes  
12 measures that maintain privacy and security.

13           G. Beginning December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the  
14 State Department of Health shall submit an annual report prepared by  
15 an independent entity with expertise in family support research and  
16 evaluation on the outcomes of publicly funded and administered home  
17 visiting programs to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the  
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor. The  
19 report shall include:

20           1. Achieved outcomes as agreed upon and described in the  
21 previously submitted outcomes measurement plan for all publicly  
22 funded family support programs; and

23           2. Combined program data, including:

24           a. cost per family served,

