

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2157

By: Echols

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9 An Act relating to children; enacting the Family
10 Support Accountability Act; defining terms; directing
11 departments providing home-visiting services to
12 promulgate rules; requiring home-visiting program to
13 conduct visits by trained educators; prescribing
14 programs to work in partnership; mandating program to
15 achieve a minimum of specified outcomes; directing
16 departments to work with listed groups for
17 information sharing; requiring home-visiting program
18 language for contracts and grants; mandating
19 collaboration with the Early Childhood Advisory
20 Council; prescribing development of outcomes
21 measurement plan; providing for submission of plan;
22 requiring collaboration to submit an annual outcomes
23 report; listing contents of annual outcomes report;
24 providing for codification; and providing an
25 effective date.

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

27 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
28 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601.80 of Title 10, unless there
29 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

3 B. As used in the Family Support Accountability Act:

4 1. "Departments" means any state department or agency
5 implementing home-visiting programs; and

6 2. "Home-visiting program" means a state-funded or state-
7 administered, standards-based program that:

8 a. is grounded in relevant, empirically based best
9 practices and knowledge that:

10 (1) has comprehensive home-visiting standards that
11 ensure high quality service delivery and
12 continuous quality improvement, and

13 (2) follows with fidelity a program manual or design
14 that specifies the purpose, outcomes, duration
15 and frequency of services that constitute the
16 program,

17 b. provides services to families of young children that
18 elect to participate,

19 c. utilizes a variety of culturally relevant,
20 developmentally appropriate strategies,

21 d. connects families to additional services that support
22 parents,

23 e. promotes child well-being and prevents adverse
24 childhood outcomes,

- 1 f. promotes parental competence, child health and
2 development by building long-term relationships with
3 families and optimizing the relationships between
4 parents and children in their home environments,
- 5 g. provides for the collection and analysis of data about
6 program performance and outcomes at the state
7 aggregate level, county aggregate level, provider
8 level and participant level, and
- 9 h. does not include:
- 10 (1) a one-time home visit or infrequent home visits
11 with no intention of long-term services, such as
12 a program that provides one home visit for all
13 newborn children,
- 14 (2) services delivered through an individualized
15 family service plan or an individualized
16 education program under Part B or Part C of the
17 federal government's Individuals with
18 Disabilities Education Act,
- 19 (3) services initiated by a report to the Department
20 of Human Services Child Welfare Services or by
21 court order, or
- 22 (4) programs in which home visiting is supplemental
23 to other services.
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1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601.81 of Title 10, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The departments that provide home-visiting services may
5 adopt and promulgate rules by which the home-visiting program shall
6 operate.

7 B. The departments shall provide a framework for service
8 delivery and accountability across all home-visiting programs to
9 promote a continuum of care that targets families at the greatest
10 risk for experiencing adverse childhood outcomes.

11 C. A home-visiting program shall provide face-to-face visits by
12 specially trained parent educators to provide home-based family
13 support services.

14 D. The departments shall ensure home-visiting programs work in
15 partnership to serve children, thereby maximizing the opportunities
16 for families to receive services that best fit their needs.

17 E. A home-visiting program shall achieve two or more of the
18 following:

19 1. Improve prenatal, maternal, infant or child health outcomes,
20 including, but not limited to, indicators such as preterm birth
21 rates, substance abuse and tobacco use;

22 2. Reduce entry into the child welfare system;

23 3. Improve positive parenting and relationship skills;
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1 4. Improve parental self-sufficiency, including increased
2 employment and educational attainment;

3 5. Improve children's readiness to succeed in school; and

4 6. Improve children's social-emotional, cognitive and language
5 and physical development, including efforts at early identification
6 of delays.

7 F. The departments shall work with community partners,
8 researchers, model developers, program providers and interested
9 private entities to develop processes that provide for a greater
10 ability to collaborate, as well as share best practices and
11 information as necessary and appropriate.

12 G. When the departments authorize funds through payments,
13 contracts or grants that are used for home-visiting programs, they
14 shall include language regarding home visiting in the funding
15 agreement contract or grant that is consistent with the provisions
16 of the Family Support Accountability Act.

17 H. State and local agencies administering home-visiting
18 programs as defined in this act, providers of home-visiting services
19 and experts in home-visiting program evaluation shall collaborate
20 with the Early Childhood Advisory Council created in Section 640.1
21 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes to:

22 1. Jointly develop an outcomes measurement plan which includes
23 indicators related to the objectives established in subsection E of
24 this section in order to monitor outcomes for children and families

1 receiving home-visiting programs and determine the efficiency of
2 agency program implementation;

3 2. Complete and submit the outcomes measurement plan for state-
4 funded home-visiting programs by January 1, 2016, to the Governor,
5 the Legislature, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and
6 the Early Childhood Advisory Council and complete and submit an
7 updated plan every subsequent five (5) years; and

8 3. Develop a process for collecting and reporting outcomes
9 measures to maintain privacy and security.

10 I. Beginning December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the
11 departments shall allocate resources to collaborate with the Early
12 Childhood Advisory Council to submit an annual outcomes report to
13 the Governor and the Legislature.

14 J. The annual outcomes report shall include:

15 1. Achieved outcomes as agreed upon and described in the
16 previously submitted outcomes measurement plan pursuant to
17 subsection H of this section for all state-funded family support
18 programs;

19 2. Combined program data regarding:

- 20 a. the cost per family served,
- 21 b. the number of families served,
- 22 c. demographic data on families served, and
- 23 d. the number and type of programs that the departments
24 have funded; and

1 3. Recommendations for quality improvements and future program
2 investments.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY
6 SERVICES, dated 02/18/2015 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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