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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 511

By: Floyd and Pittman of the Senate

and

Denney of the House

An Act relating to child homelessness; amending 10 O.S. 2011, Section 601.9, which relates to duties of the Office of Planning and Coordination; broadening scope of certain reports to include homeless children and youth; directing Office of Planning and Coordination to review certain data and provide certain assessment; providing guidelines for assessment; requiring submission of certain report; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 601.9, is amended to read as follows:

Section 601.9. A. The Office of Planning and Coordination shall:

1. Make recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth regarding the development and improvement of services

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provided to children and youth based upon community partnership input no later than May 1 of each year; and

2. Forward a report of its recommendations to each agency affected by the recommendations.

B. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall evaluate and review the development and quality of services to children and youth and shall:

1. Publish and distribute an annual report of its findings on or before July 1 of each year to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, and to the chief administrative officer of each agency affected by the report. Such report shall include activities of the Commission, recommendations for the further development and improvement of services to children and youth, <u>services for homeless children and youth,</u> and budget and program needs; and

2. Include in its annual report the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth for the next succeeding fiscal year. The State Plan for Services to Children and Youth shall:

a. identify and establish outcomes, goals and priorities for services for children and youth, <u>including homeless children and youth,</u> and the estimated costs of implementing such goals and priorities,

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b. show previous and current expenditures for state and state-supported services to children and youth, including homeless children and youth, which relate to the outcomes identified in the State Plan,

c. include information concerning the availability and accessibility of various human services, health, mental health and education programs that serve children and their families at the community level, and, when applicable, establish a plan for developing programs in areas of the state where the need for such services exists,

d. include such other information or recommendations as may be necessary and appropriate for the improvement and coordinated development of the children, youth, and family service system, and

e. be distributed as provided by paragraph 1 of this section and shall be made available to the general public.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601.6c of Title 10, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Office of Planning and Coordination for Services to Children and Youth Steering Committee shall:

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1. Review data and propose policy solutions relating to the issue of child homelessness; and

2. Update the Oklahoma State Legislature on existing programs to reduce child homelessness including, but not limited to, programs administered or financed in whole or in part by any agency of this state, nonprofit organizations or private-sector entities.

B. The Steering Committee shall include an examination of the following in its assessment and recommendations:

1. State trends in the number of children who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless;

2. The state's role in providing services to children and youth who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless;

3. State policy regarding homeless children and youth; and

4. Existing services, resources, and capacity including, but not limited to, the availability of publicly or privately provided resources to children and youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

C. The Steering Committee shall submit a report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2015, and annually thereafter, describing assessment and recommendations provided for by this act.

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

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

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declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/01/2015 - DO PASS.

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