

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 25, 2015

2 **AS AMENDED**

3 SENATE BILL NO. 697

By: Griffin

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6 **[home visiting programs - Departments to**
7 **collaboratively provide certain services and certain**
8 **framework - standards and guidelines - standards for**
9 **collaboration - report - codification - effective**
10 **date]**

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,

- 1 b. number of families served,
2 c. demographic data on families served, and
3 d. the number and type of programs the Departments have
4 funded.

5 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 643 of Title 10, unless there is
7 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 The State Board of Health and the State Board of Education shall
9 promulgate rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this
10 act.

11 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
13 February 25, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED