STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1369 By: Floyd

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth; amending 10 O.S. 2011, Section 600, which relates to definitions; including definitions; amending 10 O.S. 2011, Section 601.9, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 2015 (10 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 601.9), which relates to services for children and youth; broadening scope of certain report to include certain persons; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 600, is amended to read as follows:

Section 600. As used in Sections 601.1 through 601.12 of this title:

1. "Children and youth service system" means health, mental health, social, rehabilitative assistance and educational services provided to children and youth by and through the courts and public and private agencies;

2. "Client" means a child or a family member of a child who is receiving services through the children and youth service system;

3. "Commission" means the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;

4. "Community partnership board" means the local district planning and coordinating body for services to children and youth established pursuant to Section 601.11 of this title;

5. "Community partnership district" means the local planning and coordinating areas within the state established pursuant to Section 601.11 of this title;

6. "Homeless children and youth" means a person twenty-one (21) years of age or younger who is:

a. unaccompanied by a parent or guardian, and

b. without shelter where appropriate care and supervision are available, or

c. without a parent or guardian who is willing and able to provide shelter and care, or

d. without a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence. For the purposes of this paragraph, "fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence" shall not include a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter or institution designed to provide temporary living accommodations, transitional housing arrangements, living in hotels, temporary living arrangements with other people but without an opportunity for permanent residence or a residential

lease, or a public or private place not designed for, nor ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;

7. "Runaway" means an unmarried child less than eighteen (18) years of age who is absent from the home of a parent, guardian or other lawful placement without the consent of the parent, guardian or lawful custodian;

~~6.~~ 8. "State and state-supported services to children and youth" means services to children and youth, offered or provided by a public or private agency or organization, that are supported in whole or in part through state funds or federal funds administered by the state; ~~and~~

~~7.~~ 9. "State Plan for Services to Children and Youth" means the planning document required by Section 601.9 of this title; and

10. "Youth at risk of homelessness" means a person twenty-one (21) years of age or younger whose status or circumstances indicate a significant danger of experiencing homelessness in the near future, including but not limited to youth exiting out-of-home placements, youth who previously were homeless, youth whose parents or guardians are or were previously homeless, youth who are exposed to abuse and neglect in their homes, youth who experience conflict with their parents and runaways.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 601.9, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 90, O.S.L. 2015 (10 O.S. Supp. 2015, 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 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, services for homeless children and youth <u>including youth at risk of homelessness and runaways</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, including homeless children and youth, and the estimated costs of implementing such goals and priorities,

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 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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