

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

SB 293 directs that if a member of the armed forces makes application for assistance with either DHS or the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, and has a pending application for the same type of assistance in another state, the agency will consider the pending application as if it had been made in this state.

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Fiscal Analysis

DHS interprets this legislation as having no impact. In the case of Developmental Disabilities waivers, incoming military families might establish a higher position on a waiting list as a result of the legislation, but the number of waivers would not increase. DHS will spend the total FY-15 appropriation for the DDS wait list this year as directed by Section 2 of HB 3523.

In Adult and Family Services, it is assumed that Oklahoma would not pay benefits to non-residents, which is prohibited by federal law for the largest benefit programs. If this assumption is correct, there would be no additional benefit costs or administrative costs to verify out-of-state applications.

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Other Considerations

If the intent of this legislation is to immediately fund and provide DDS waivers to incoming military families, the estimated cost for each waiver is \$27,916, the state share of which is \$10,661.

If the intent of this legislation is to accept out-of-state applications for public benefits, DHS would incur additional administrative costs to review and verify benefits and create an Oklahoma application. As a result, families may face delays to receive benefits as compared to filing an application when they establish Oklahoma residency. If the intent is to pay benefits that are not payable from federal programs due to residency requirements, state funds would be required. The agency has no means of estimating the number of in-migrating military family who might be eligible for these benefits.

