

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

HOUSE BILL 1063

By: McCullough

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prevention programs; creating the Prevention Programs Accountability Act; requiring the state to return certain federal grant monies; directing state agencies to suspend home visitation programs for one year; mandating State Auditor to sequester funds related to the programs; providing for an audit and evaluation of the funds; directing State Auditor to examine national programs and report findings to the Legislature; requiring State Auditor to establish evaluation standards and report its findings annually; repealing 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-110.1, as amended by Section 477, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (63 O.S. Supp. 2012, Section 1-110.1), which relates to the Children First program; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Prevention Programs Accountability Act".

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-110.2 of Title 63, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. Effective November 1, 2013, the state of Oklahoma shall
5 immediately return all federal grant funding from the Maternal,
6 Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) to the
7 United States Department of Health and Human Services.

8 B. Effective January 1, 2014, the Department of Human Services,
9 the State Department of Health and the State Board of Education
10 shall suspend, for one year, all home visitation programs, including
11 but not limited to SafeCare, Start Right and Oklahoma Parents as
12 Teachers. The State Auditor shall sequester all funds related to
13 these programs and conduct a full audit of the funds and evaluation
14 of the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the programs. The State
15 Auditor shall examine all nationally recognized evidence-based home
16 visitation programs and make recommendations to the Legislature.
17 The State Auditor shall develop standards for evaluating and
18 annually report on the return on investment, efficiency and
19 effectiveness of the home visitation programs operated by the state.

20 SECTION 3. REPEALER 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-110.1, as
21 amended by Section 477, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (63 O.S. Supp.
22 2012, Section 1-110.1), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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