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SENATE FLOOR VERSION

April 1, 2015

AS AMENDED

ENGROSSED HOUSE

BILL NO. 2157

By: Echols of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

[children - Family Support Accountability Act -
codification - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601.80 of Title 10, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Family
Support Accountability Act".

B. As used in the Family Support Accountability Act:

1. "Departments" means any state department or agency
implementing home-visiting programs; and

2. "Home-visiting program" means a state-funded or state-
administered, standards-based program that:

a. is grounded in relevant, empirically based best
practices and knowledge that:

- (1) has comprehensive home-visiting standards that ensure high quality service delivery and continuous quality improvement, and
- (2) follows with fidelity a program manual or design that specifies the purpose, outcomes, duration and frequency of services that constitute the program,
- b. provides services to families of young children that elect to participate,
- c. utilizes a variety of culturally relevant, developmentally appropriate strategies,
- d. connects families to additional services that support parents,
- e. promotes child well-being and prevents adverse childhood outcomes,
- f. promotes parental competence, child health and development by building long-term relationships with families and optimizing the relationships between parents and children in their home environments,
- g. provides for the collection and analysis of data about program performance and outcomes at the state aggregate level, county aggregate level, provider level and participant level, and
- h. does not include:

- 1 (1) a one-time home visit or infrequent home visits
2 with no intention of long-term services, such as
3 a program that provides one home visit for all
4 newborn children,
- 5 (2) services delivered through an individualized
6 family service plan or an individualized
7 education program under Part B or Part C of the
8 federal government's Individuals with
9 Disabilities Education Act,
- 10 (3) services initiated by a report to the Department
11 of Human Services Child Welfare Services or by
12 court order, or
- 13 (4) programs in which home visiting is supplemental
14 to other services.

15 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601.81 of Title 10, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The departments that provide home-visiting services may
19 adopt and promulgate rules by which the home-visiting program shall
20 operate.

21 B. The departments shall provide a framework for service
22 delivery and accountability across all home-visiting programs to
23 promote a continuum of care that targets families at the greatest
24 risk for experiencing adverse childhood outcomes.

1 C. A home-visiting program shall provide face-to-face visits by
2 specially trained parent educators to provide home-based family
3 support services.

4 D. The departments shall ensure home-visiting programs work in
5 partnership to serve children, thereby maximizing the opportunities
6 for families to receive services that best fit their needs.

7 E. A home-visiting program shall achieve two or more of the
8 following:

9 1. Improve prenatal, maternal, infant or child health outcomes,
10 including, but not limited to, indicators such as preterm birth
11 rates, substance abuse and tobacco use;

12 2. Reduce entry into the child welfare system;

13 3. Improve positive parenting and relationship skills;

14 4. Improve parental self-sufficiency, including increased
15 employment and educational attainment;

16 5. Improve children's readiness to succeed in school; and

17 6. Improve children's social-emotional, cognitive and language
18 and physical development, including efforts at early identification
19 of delays.

20 F. The departments shall work with community partners,
21 researchers, model developers, program providers and interested
22 private entities to develop processes that provide for a greater
23 ability to collaborate, as well as share best practices and
24 information as necessary and appropriate.

1 G. When the departments authorize funds through payments,
2 contracts or grants that are used for home-visiting programs, they
3 shall include language regarding home visiting in the funding
4 agreement contract or grant that is consistent with the provisions
5 of the Family Support Accountability Act.

6 H. State and local agencies administering home-visiting
7 programs as defined in this act, providers of home-visiting services
8 and experts in home-visiting program evaluation shall collaborate
9 with the Early Childhood Advisory Council created in Section 640.1
10 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes to:

11 1. Jointly develop an outcomes measurement plan which includes
12 indicators related to the objectives established in subsection E of
13 this section in order to monitor outcomes for children and families
14 receiving home-visiting programs and determine the efficiency of
15 agency program implementation;

16 2. Complete and submit the outcomes measurement plan for state-
17 funded home-visiting programs by January 1, 2016, to the Governor,
18 the Legislature, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth and
19 the Early Childhood Advisory Council and complete and submit an
20 updated plan every subsequent five (5) years; and

21 3. Develop a process for collecting and reporting outcomes
22 measures to maintain privacy and security.

23 I. Beginning December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the
24 departments shall allocate resources to collaborate with the Early

1 Childhood Advisory Council to submit an annual outcomes report to
2 the Governor and the Legislature.

3 J. The annual outcomes report shall include:

4 1. Achieved outcomes as agreed upon and described in the
5 previously submitted outcomes measurement plan pursuant to
6 subsection H of this section for all state-funded family support
7 programs;

8 2. Combined program data regarding:

- 9 a. the cost per family served,
10 b. the number of families served,
11 c. demographic data on families served, and
12 d. the number and type of programs that the departments
13 have funded; and

14 3. Recommendations for quality improvements and future program
15 investments.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
18 April 1, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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