

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1357

By: Goodwin

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An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act; requiring the Department of Human Services to work with certain groups; 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 to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.2 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.3 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Human Services shall work with caregiver community groups across the state in a cost-neutral manner using existing resources to:

1 1. Support expansion of the number of locations in which
2 services to caregivers are provided;

3 2. Ensure that such geographic locations include low-, mid- and
4 high-economic-income areas in order to provide greater accessibility
5 to caregivers; and

6 3. Provide that the locations to be selected shall include
7 schools, city and county facilities in which no usage fee shall be
8 charged.

9 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.4 of Title 56, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The Department of Human Services shall work with caregiver
13 community groups across the state in a cost-neutral manner using
14 existing resources to support awareness of:

15 1. Information to caregivers regarding available services;

16 2. Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to available
17 services;

18 3. Individual counseling, support groups and caregiver
19 training; and

20 4. Respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved
21 from their caregiving responsibilities.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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