

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 748

By: Griffin and Pittman of the
Senate

3 and

4 Baker of the House

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7 [Department of Human Services - pilot program -
8 codification - effective date]
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2-111 of Title 10A, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. The Department of Human Services may, subject to available
15 funding and in consultation with an evaluation team created pursuant
16 to this section, create a pilot program to improve socioeconomic
17 outcomes for children in state custody.

18 B. If implemented by the Department, the pilot program shall:

19 1. Identify the populations of children in state custody and
20 the characteristics of those children including, but not limited to,
21 populations in which parental drug and/or alcohol abuse, mental
22 illness, mental and/or physical disability and domestic abuse are an
23 issue;
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1 2. Develop and design programs to provide services to children
2 in state custody;

3 3. Develop methods for coordinating state and local services to
4 assist children and their families;

5 4. Allow and provide for participation of both urban and rural
6 concerns in developing and designing such programs;

7 5. Monitor, evaluate and review the programs implemented to
8 serve populations of children in state custody; and

9 6. Include such other areas, programs, services and information
10 deemed necessary by the Department to provide a comprehensive
11 assessment of the needs and programs necessary to provide assistance
12 to children in state custody.

13 C. An evaluation team shall determine the effectiveness of the
14 pilot program and make a report to the Legislature and to the
15 Department annually thereafter. Such report shall cover:

16 1. Effective programs that will serve children in state
17 custody;

18 2. The potential for statewide expansion of programs;

19 3. Funding sources from public and private partnerships;

20 4. Training of professionals to serve children in state
21 custody;

22 5. Monitoring, evaluating and reviewing continued effectiveness
23 of such programs;

1 6. Special needs of children in state custody from parental
2 addiction to drugs and alcohol and parental mental illness and
3 mental and/or physical disability and from domestic abuse; and

4 7. Recommendations regarding the issuance of grants and
5 contracts for serving such populations.

6 D. The evaluation team shall consist of not more than two (2)
7 representatives from the following entities who have expertise in
8 child abuse prevention, juvenile delinquency or a related field and
9 who have an understanding of program evaluation techniques:

10 1. The Department of Human Services;

11 2. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
12 Services;

13 3. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;

14 4. A statewide organization advocating for children's issues;

15 5. A statewide organization representing children in court;

16 6. The University of Oklahoma;

17 7. Oklahoma State University; and

18 8. The Office of Juvenile Affairs.

19 E. 1. Upon receipt of recommendations from the evaluation team
20 established pursuant to this section, which indicate that the
21 expansion of the pilot project on a statewide basis would be
22 economically feasible and practical, the Department for Human
23 Services may promulgate rules for developing a statewide program
24 based on the findings of the pilot program.

1 F. The Department may:

2 1. Contract for services necessary to carry out the duties of
3 the Department pursuant to the provisions of this section; and

4 2. Accept the services of volunteer workers or consultants,
5 provided no compensation be provided for such services.

6 G. The Department of Human Services may promulgate rules to
7 implement the provisions of this section.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

9 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

13 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
14 2017.

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