

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1357

By: Goodwin of the House

3 and

4 Griffin of the Senate
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6 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
7 the Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act; requiring the
8 Department of Human Services to work with certain
9 groups; providing for codification; and providing an
10 effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.2 of Title 56, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 1. Information to caregivers regarding available services;

14 2. Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to available
15 services;

16 3. Individual counseling, support groups and caregiver
17 training; and

18 4. Respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved
19 from their caregiving responsibilities.

20 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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