

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3124

By: Blancett and Bush of the  
House

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4 Griffin of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to mental health; creating the  
9 Oklahoma Commission on Aging with Serious Mental  
10 Illness; stating purpose; specifying membership of  
11 Commission; requiring publication of report by  
12 certain date; providing for travel reimbursement;  
13 requiring compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;  
14 authorizing staff assistance; providing for  
15 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-114 of Title 43A, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Commission on Aging  
21 with Serious Mental Illness. The purpose of the Commission shall be  
22 to study, evaluate and make recommendations for any changes to state  
23 policy, rules or statutes to more efficiently and effectively serve  
24 the health and mental health needs of Oklahomans who are aging with

1 serious mental illness. The Commission shall consist of the  
2 following members:

3 1. Three members appointed by the Governor, to include:

- 4 a. a representative of Oklahoma's licensed nursing homes  
5 industry,
- 6 b. a representative of an organization of consumers with  
7 serious mental illness and their family members, and
- 8 c. a representative of a statewide mental health advocacy  
9 and policy organization;

10 2. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives, to include:

- 12 a. a representative of Oklahoma's licensed residential  
13 care facilities,
- 14 b. a licensed social worker, psychologist or other  
15 behavioral health specialist, and
- 16 c. a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

17 3. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
18 Senate, to include:

- 19 a. a licensed practicing medical doctor or doctor of  
20 osteopathy who is a board-certified psychiatrist,
- 21 b. a representative of Oklahoma's community mental health  
22 centers, and
- 23 c. a member of the Oklahoma State Senate;

1       4. The Oklahoma Secretary of Health and Human Services, or  
2       designee. This individual shall serve as chair of the Commission;

3       5. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and  
4       Substance Abuse Services, or designee;

5       6. The Director of the State Department of Health, or designee;

6       7. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services,  
7       or designee; and

8       8. The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care  
9       Authority, or designee.

10      B. The Commission shall publish a report of its findings no  
11      later than June 1, 2019, the date on which members' terms shall end.

12      C. Members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the  
13      appointing authority. Vacancies in a position shall be filled in  
14      the same manner as the original appointment.

15      D. Travel reimbursement for members of the Commission who are  
16      legislators shall be made pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the  
17      Oklahoma Statutes, and travel reimbursement for members of the  
18      Commission who are state employees shall be reimbursed by the Office  
19      of Management and Enterprise Services. Travel reimbursement for  
20      other members of the Commission shall be made by the respective  
21      appointing authorities pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement  
22      Act.

23      E. Proceedings of all meetings of the Commission shall comply  
24      with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

1 F. The Commission may use the expertise and services of the  
2 staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma State  
3 Senate. Additional staff assistance may be provided by  
4 nongovernmental interests at the request of the Commission but  
5 without any reimbursement by the State of Oklahoma for any costs  
6 associated with such services.

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2018.

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14 Presiding Officer of the House  
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16 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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