

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 10, 2017

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1357

By: Goodwin of the House

5 and

6 Griffin and Pittman of the
7 Senate

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9 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
10 the Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act; requiring the
11 Department of Human Services to work with certain
12 groups; providing for codification; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 3. Provide that the locations to be selected shall include
10 schools, city and county facilities in which no usage fee shall be
11 charged.

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

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

18 1. Information to caregivers regarding available services;

19 2. Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to available
20 services;

21 3. Individual counseling, support groups and caregiver
22 training; and

23 4. Respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved
24 from their caregiving responsibilities.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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