

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Human Services;
8 amending 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-105, which
9 relates to program planning and monitoring; requiring
10 certain report; specifying delivery of report;
11 stipulating contents; and providing an effective
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-105, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-9-105. A. The Department of Human Services shall
17 carefully define the children and youth programs of the Department
18 as to their purpose, the population served, and performance
19 expectations. Planning for new programs and services and major
20 modifications to existing ones shall include evaluation of their
21 effect on other programs and services and communication and
22 coordination with other public and private children and youth
23 service providers in order to assure successful and cost-effective
24 implementation of the program. An evaluation component that
includes monitoring and evaluation of client outcomes shall be

1 incorporated into all of the Department's programs and services to
2 children and youth, whether provided directly by the agency or
3 through a contract.

4 1. All programs and services shall be designed to ensure the
5 accessibility of the program to the persons served. Provision for
6 transportation, child care and similar services necessary in order
7 to assist persons to access the services shall be made. If the
8 service is provided in an office setting, the service shall be
9 available during the evening.

10 2. Programs and services shall be targeted to the areas of the
11 state having the greatest need for them. The programs and services
12 shall be designed to meet the needs of the area in which they are
13 located. Programs and services intended for statewide
14 implementation shall be implemented first in those areas that have
15 the greatest need for them.

16 3. As a part of the Department's program planning and
17 monitoring processes, the Department shall examine its programs and
18 services to children and youth to ensure that the practices within
19 them do not operate to detriment of minority children and youth.

20 4. All child care services and facilities operated by the
21 Department shall be accredited by the National Council on
22 Accreditation, when applicable.

23 B. The Department shall develop a five-year plan for children
24 and youth services provided by the agency. The plan shall be

1 reviewed annually and modified as necessary. Agency budget
2 recommendations of the Department for services to children and youth
3 shall be based upon documented needs, and the development of budget
4 recommendations and priorities shall be closely integrated with
5 agency and interagency program planning and management.

6 C. The Department shall annually review its programs and
7 services and submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
9 and the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, analyzing and
10 evaluating the effectiveness of the programs and services being
11 carried out by the Department. Such report shall include, but not
12 be limited to:

13 1. An analysis and evaluation of programs and services
14 continued, established and discontinued during the period covered by
15 the report;

16 2. A description of programs and services which should be
17 implemented;

18 3. Statutory changes necessary;

19 4. Relevant information concerning the number of children in
20 the Department's custody during the period covered by the report;
21 and

22 5. Such other information as will enable a user of the report
23 to ascertain the effectiveness of the Department's programs and
24 services.

1 D. The Department shall annually submit a report to the
2 Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House
3 of Representatives and the Oklahoma Supreme Court which shall
4 include:

5 1. Information concerning the number of children in the
6 Department's custody that are placed in non-family settings,
7 including but not limited to the types of settings utilized and the
8 duration of the children's stays in such settings;

9 2. A census of approved foster homes and the number of children
10 placed in those homes and a comparative review of foster home room
11 and board rates; and

12 3. Information concerning child welfare staff workloads and
13 comparative salaries for such staff.

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

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