

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1357

By: Goodwin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act; requiring the Department of Human Services to promulgate certain rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

The Department of Human Services shall be required to promulgate rules to:

1. Increase the number of locations in which 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 be required to promulgate
11 rules to:

12 1. Publicize information to caregivers regarding available
13 services;

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

16 3. Provide individual counseling, organize support groups and
17 provide caregiver training; and

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

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

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