

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3124

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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 3-114 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 7. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services,

3 or designee; and

4 8. The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care

5 Authority, or designee.

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

8 C. Members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the
9 appointing authority. Vacancies in a position shall be filled in
10 the same manner as the original appointment.

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

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

21 F. The Commission may use the expertise and services of the
22 staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma Senate.
23 Additional staff assistance may be provided by nongovernmental
24 interests at the request of the Commission but without any

1 reimbursement by the State of Oklahoma for any costs associated with
2 such services.

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

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