

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3891

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to appropriations; establishing
8 elements of public policy; making an appropriation to
9 the State Department of Rehabilitation Services in
10 certain amount from certain source; stating purpose;
11 requiring certain contracting for certain services;
12 providing for noncodification; providing an effective
13 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
15 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

16 It shall be the public policy of the State of Oklahoma to:

17 1. Recognize and support individuals with disabilities by
18 treating them with dignity and respect as productive members of our
19 society;

20 2. Acknowledge their contributions as productive and
21 independent citizens in the state and the useful work they perform
22 in their local communities;

23 3. Support a service delivery system for individuals with
24 disabilities ensuring that the individuals, their families or

1 guardians are well informed as to the types of services and
2 resources available to such individuals in order to encourage their
3 independence, self-esteem and self-worth, regardless of the severity
4 of the disability;

5 4. Recognize that self-choice on the part of individuals with
6 disabilities is critical and that priority shall be given to
7 providing services to people with disabilities in the most
8 integrated setting; and

9 5. Recognize that institutional services shall be considered
10 only as a last resort, ensuring that all resources available shall
11 be exhausted prior to institutional placement.

12 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
13 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

14 A. There is hereby appropriated to the State Department of
15 Rehabilitation Services from any monies not otherwise appropriated
16 from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal
17 year ending June 30, 2021, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
18 (\$500,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to contract
19 with Oklahoma's Federally Recognized Centers for Independent Living
20 pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section.

21 B. The State Department of Rehabilitation Services shall use
22 the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection A of this section to
23 contract with federally recognized Centers for Independent Living
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1 for services related to the utilization, development and
2 implementation of health and wellness programs that:

3 1. Help individuals achieve full participation through health
4 maintenance and health promotion activities, including workshops
5 that introduce individuals to a process for setting and clarifying
6 goals and teach individuals how to generate, implement and monitor
7 solutions to problems;

8 2. Present health promotion concepts to help individuals
9 develop lifestyle behaviors that can reduce the limitations they
10 experience from secondary health conditions that act as potential
11 barriers to employment; and

12 3. Help minimize the negative consequences and impacts for
13 individuals facing housing transitions.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

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

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