

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1871 creates the Oklahoma Syringe and Needle Exchange Act. The measure authorizes entities to operate a syringe and needle exchange program in the state, procure supplies for such operations, and supply material needed to operate such programs. The measure requires such programs to educate recipients on methods for preventing the transmission of bloodborne diseases and options for combating drug dependency. Any entity operating an exchange program must annually report its activities to the State Department of Health. The Department is directed by the measure to biennially report to the Senate and House of Representatives on the activities and outcomes of syringe and needle exchange programs beginning July 1, 2022. The measure also amends current law relating to a determination by a court or jury of whether an object is considered drug paraphernalia to exclude objects in the possession of recipients and providers participating in the Oklahoma Syringe and Needle Exchange Act.

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