

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE
CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 21, 2019

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB 499

By: Standridge of the Senate and McCall and McEntire of the House


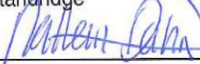
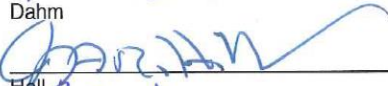

Title: Public health; providing for the creation of hospital trusts; setting forth provisions related to taxation; authorizing trusts to seek certain waivers. Effective date.

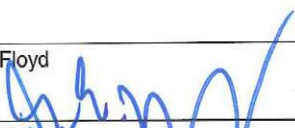

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

advise that the conferees have been unable to agree.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:


Standridge

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Senate Action _____ Date _____ House Action _____ Date _____

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 499

By: Standridge of the Senate

and

McCall and McEntire of the
House

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to public health and safety; enacting the Oklahoma Local Hospital and Health Care District Act of 2019; defining terms; authorizing certain counties to form Local Hospital and Health Care Districts; authorizing certain municipalities to form Local Hospital and Health Care Districts; providing for governing board; providing for authorized sources of revenue; requiring creation of local provider participation fund; specifying authorized revenue sources; prohibiting commingling of county or municipal funds; providing for investment of certain unencumbered or unexpended amounts; providing for authorized expenditures from local provider participation fund; specifying authorized purposes for expenditures; authorizing Local Hospital and Health Care Districts to make waiver applications; prohibiting Oklahoma Health Care Authority from making modifications to waiver requests; prohibiting delay of submission of waiver requests; prohibiting imposition of fees in excess of certain amounts; prohibiting use of fund sources for purposes of expansion of Medicaid eligibility pursuant to certain federal enactment; authorizing applications for expansion of Medicaid eligibility based upon certain election outcome; imposing requirements on Oklahoma Health Care Authority with respect to transfer of certain funds to Local Hospital and Health Care Districts; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.1 of Title 63, unless there
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Local
6 Hospital and Health Care District Act of 2019".

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.2 of Title 63, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 As used in this act:

11 1. "Ad valorem tax" means any tax imposed by a county or
12 municipality or other political subdivision pursuant to provisions
13 of the Oklahoma Constitution;

14 2. "County" means one or more of the political subdivisions
15 organized pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII of the Oklahoma
16 Constitution or pursuant to provisions of Title 19 of the Oklahoma
17 Statutes;

18 3. "Contiguous" means with respect to a county boundary that
19 any one point along any line or curve comprising the boundary of one
20 county is immediately adjacent to any one point along a line or
21 curve comprising the boundary of any other county;

22 4. "FMAP" means Federal Medical Assistance Percentages as used
23 in the administration of the federal Medicaid program;

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1 5. "Governing board" means the board of county commissioners of
2 a county which, together with at least one other county, becomes a
3 Local Hospital and Health Care District or the governing board of a
4 municipality which is located in a county that qualifies the
5 municipality as a Local Hospital and Health Care District pursuant
6 to the provisions of this act;

7 6. "Local Hospital and Health Care District" means either two
8 or more counties or a municipality located within a county which is
9 part of a Local Hospital and Health Care District or which is
10 contiguous to at least one county which, along with at least one
11 other county, has formed a Local Hospital and Health Care District
12 pursuant to the provisions of this act;

13 7. "Municipality" means a local government entity formed
14 pursuant to the applicable provisions of Title 11 of the Oklahoma
15 Statutes;

16 8. "OHCA" means the Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

17 9. "Provider" means a hospital or a local health department
18 which is a member of a Local Hospital and Health Care District; and

19 10. "Sales tax" means, with respect to counties, a tax
20 authorized to be imposed pursuant to the applicable provisions of
21 Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and, with respect to
22 municipalities, means a tax authorized to be imposed pursuant to the
23 provisions of Section 2701 et seq. of Title 68 of the Oklahoma
24 Statutes.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.3 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any two contiguous counties of the state, or if three or more counties are contiguous to each other, may form a Local Hospital and Health Care District as authorized by this act. The board of county commissioners of each county may approve a resolution identifying the counties which are to be included in the Local Hospital and Health Care District and, upon approval of the resolution by each such board, the county shall be considered part of the designated Local Hospital and Health Care District.

B. A municipality which is located within a county that is contiguous to at least one county which has formed a Local Hospital and Health Care District may become a Local Hospital and Health Care District. The governing board of the municipality may approve a resolution or ordinance designating the Local Hospital and Health Care District so created.

C. After formation of a Local Hospital and Health Care District, the governing board of the district shall consist of the county commissioners of each county comprising a county-level Local Hospital and Health Care District.

D. The governing board of a single municipality which has formed a Local Hospital and Health Care District shall consist of the governing board of such municipality and shall be governed by

1 the applicable provisions of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes based
2 upon the form of the municipal government for purposes of taking
3 actions either authorized or required pursuant to the provisions of
4 this act.

5 E. A municipality that forms a Local Hospital and Health Care
6 District shall provide for representation on the governing board of
7 one or more county commissioners of the county to which the county
8 in which the municipality is located is contiguous. Decisions of a
9 municipally created Local Hospital and Health Care District shall be
10 made based upon a majority vote of the total membership of the
11 governing board as modified by the inclusion of the additional
12 positions described by this subsection.

13 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.4 of Title 63, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. A Local Hospital and Health Care District may use any
17 existing revenue source, including ad valorem taxes, or sales and
18 use taxes in order to provide matching funds for purposes of the
19 Federal Medicaid Assistance Program (FMAP) as administered by the
20 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

21 B. No Local Hospital and Health Care District may use any
22 source of revenue for matching purposes which is not authorized by
23 the provisions of applicable federal law.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW

A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.5 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each Local Hospital and Health Care District shall create a local provider participation fund.

B. The local provider participation fund shall consist of all revenue from the authorized revenue sources described by Section 4 of this act, including any penalty or interest amounts.

C. The Local Hospital and Health Care District shall use the local provider participation fund as a repository of monies in connection with the application by the Local Hospital and Health Care District to obtain federal matching money through the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

D. Any funds not otherwise committed or encumbered may be invested by the Local Hospital and Health Care District in the same manner as funds are invested by county treasurers with respect to a county general fund or in the same manner as funds are invested by a municipal treasurer with respect to a municipal general fund.

E. Monies deposited into the local provider participation fund may be used to:

1. Fund intergovernmental transfers from the Local Hospital and Health Care District in order to provide the nonfederal share of a Medicaid supplemental payment program authorized under the state

1 Medicaid plan successor waiver program authorizing similar Medicaid
2 supplemental payment programs;

3 2. Subsidize indigent programs;

4 3. Pay administrative costs of the district;

5 4. Refund a portion of mandatory payment collected in error
6 from a paying county or municipality;

7 5. Refund to paying hospitals the proportionate share of money
8 received by the Local Hospital and Health Care District from the
9 Oklahoma Health Care Authority that is not used to fund the
10 nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental payment program payments;

11 or

12 6. Refund a paying county or municipality the proportionate
13 share of money that the district determines cannot be used to fund
14 the nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental payment program
15 payments.

16 F. Money in a local provider participation fund shall not be
17 commingled with any other funds of a county or a municipality that
18 has formed a Local Hospital and Health Care District pursuant to the
19 provisions of this act.

20 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.6 of Title 63, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. A Local Hospital and Health Care District may make
2 application for a waiver pursuant to Section 1115 of the Social
3 Security Act.

4 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall take such steps as
5 are required to submit the waiver request to the Centers for
6 Medicare and Medicaid Services but shall not modify the request or
7 in any way delay the submission of the request on behalf of the
8 Local Hospital and Health Care District.

9 C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may impose a fee for its
10 administrative costs with respect to the processing of the Local
11 Hospital and Health Care District waiver request but such fee shall
12 not exceed one and one half percent (1.5%) of the total nonfederal
13 matching amount provided by the district.

14 D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall not impose a fee in
15 excess of one and one-half percent (1.5%) with respect to any
16 matching funds provided by the federal government.

17 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.7 of Title 63, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. An intergovernmental transfer of funds described by Section
21 5 of this act and any funds received by the district as a result of
22 an intergovernmental transfer described by Section 5 of this act may
23 not be used by the district, the county and/or city in which the
24 district is located, or any other entity, to expand Medicaid

1 eligibility under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
2 (Pub. L. No. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education
3 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152).

4 B. The provisions of this act may allow the allocation for an
5 application to expand Medicaid eligibility under the Patient
6 Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148), as amended
7 by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L.
8 No. 111-152), if and only if a county and, if applicable, a
9 municipal election is held that covers the geographic area of the
10 Local Hospital and Health Care District for a new sales tax, ad
11 valorem or a combination of such taxes, or other taxes authorized
12 pursuant to the applicable provisions of federal law, expressly for
13 the purpose to expand Medicaid eligibility under the Patient
14 Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. No. 111-148), as amended
15 by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L.
16 No. 111-152).

17 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027.8 of Title 63, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 Not later than the fifteenth day after the date the district
21 receives an intergovernmental transfer from the Oklahoma Health Care
22 Authority reflecting the federal participation payment of the
23 district, the district shall transfer to each paying hospital an
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1 amount equal to the proportionate share of those funds to which the
2 hospital is entitled.

3 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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