

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1797
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Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

The Conference Committee Substitute for HB 1797 specifies that it shall be unlawful for an individual who is the perpetrator of a substantiated finding by the Department of heinous and shocking abuse to work with children, reside in a child care facility, or be hired by an employer who offers or provides services to children. The CCS also changed the time in which a facility owner or operator must notify parents or legal guardians of children attending the facility by certified mail to immediately, but not later than 72 hours upon receiving notice of a substantiated finding of heinous and shocking abuse.

HB 1797 states that it will be unlawful for an individual responsible for a child's health, safety, or welfare who is the perpetrator of a substantiated finding by the Department of heinous or shocking abuse to work with children or reside in a child care facility while the investigation is pending. It is also unlawful for an employer who provides services to children to willfully and knowingly contract or employ with such an individual or allow continued contracting or employment.

This measure also states that if the Department determines a substantiated finding of heinous and shocking abuse by a person responsible for a child, the Department shall notify the child care facility owner and the child care resource and referral agency in writing within one (1) business day after the finding. The facility shall also notify parents or guardians of children attending the facility immediately, but not later than 72 hours of the finding by certified mail.

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Fiscal Analysis

Per the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the CCR to HB 1797 has no fiscal impact on the state.

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Other Considerations

None.