

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB537</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FA1</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Increased cost to OCCY; agency can absorb</b>

**Research Analysis**

FA1 to SB537 restores stricken language that provides the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth with the authority to employ necessary staff, with the advice and approval of the Commission.

SB537 removes definitions of "runaway," "state and state-supported services to children and youth," and "youth at risk of homelessness." The measure also removes the member who represents a community partnership board from the membership of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth. An individual appointed to fill the remainder of a vacant term on the Commission will be eligible to serve four additional two-year terms upon completion of the vacant term. The measure directs the Office of Planning and Coordination for Services to Children and Youth to, in cooperation with the Parent Partnership Board, prepare a State Plan for Services to Children and Youth, which must include recommendations regarding the development and improvement of services to children and youth and other information as may be required by the Commission. The Commission will transmit a copy of the state plan for the next three fiscal years to the Director of OMES, the director of each affected agency, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor starting on or before July 1, 2023, and then on or before July 1 of every third year after.

The Commission will promulgate rules in which the Parent Partnership Board assists the members of the Commission with areas of concern and supports the Commission in the grant process, establishing criteria and procedures for awarding grants supported by the Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma, and the Commission may use up to 10% of the funds in the endowment fund to provide administration, oversight, training or evaluation of the Parent Partnership Board. The Commission is authorized to use public or private funds to compensate members of the Parent Partnership Board for their time, reimburse for travel or childcare, and provide any necessary materials and supplies. Funds deposited in the Children's Endowment Fund must only be expended as provided in statute.

Last, the measure repeals 10 O.S. 2021, [Section 601.9](#).

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**Other Considerations**

None.

