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Bill Analysis

The FS for SB 198 modifies “least restrictive alternative” in the Oklahoma Guardianship and Conservatorship Act to mean an approach to meeting the needs of an individual that restricts fewer rights of the individual than would the appointment of a guardian or conservator. The measure also adds “supported decision making” to the Act and defines it as assistance from 1 or more persons chosen by an individual in understanding the nature and consequences of potential personal and financial decisions.

Additionally, the measure requires court orders appointing a guardian for a person to include a specific finding that it was established by clear and convincing evidence that the identified needs of the subject of the proceeding cannot be met by a protective arrangement instead of guardianship or other less restrictive alternatives. The FS provides for the court to dismiss the action if the court finds that less restrictive alternatives to guardianship are feasible and adequate to meet the needs of the child. The measure also requires such guardianships to be used only as is necessary to promote and protect the wellbeing of the person and to promote the self-reliance of the person.

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