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Research Analysis

Engrossed Senate Bill 1344 requires collaboration among the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Department of Health, and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to secure funding for educational and healthcare services centered around nonopioid alternatives. Additionally, these agencies are tasked with aiding political subdivisions that receive grants under the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act. The measure also prohibits the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and its contracted entities from denying coverage of nonopioid drugs in favor of opioids. Furthermore, it clarifies that the legislation does not prevent certain opioids from being preferred over others, nor does it prevent nonopioid drugs from being preferred over other nonopioid drugs.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1344 directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), the State Department of Health (OSDH), and the Health Care Authority (OHCA) to assist political subdivisions receiving funding under the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act in implementing educational and health care services related to nonopioid alternatives. The measure prohibits contracted entities from denying coverage of a nonopioid drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in favor of an opioid drug.

The agencies are directed to seek funding opportunities and collaboration to fulfill the obligations required by the measure. Thus, officials from the ODMHSAS, OSDH, and OHCA foresee no direct fiscal implications resulting from this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.