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Research Analysis

The House committee substitute to SB696 strikes definitions of *community partnership board*, *community partnership district*, *runaway*, and *state and state supported services to children and youth*. The measure also strikes the member who represents a community partnership board from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY), making it a 18 member commission. The measure also strikes all other parts of the statute that deal with community partnership boards. A person appointed to fill a vacant term on the Commission will be eligible for four additional two-year terms after the completion of the vacant term. The measure will require the Director of OCCY to prepare an annual report summarizing OCCY activities for the previous fiscal year. Providing community partnership boards with information, examining plans and budgets related to the children and youth service system, reviewing, monitoring, and evaluating the children and youth service system regarding development of services, effective planning and service coordination, and policy compliance are stricken from the required duties of the Office of Planning and Coordination and the Office will prepare a State Plan for Services to Children and Youth with input from the Parent Partnership Board for the upcoming three years. The Director of OCCY is required to make recommendations, which will be included in the State Plan, for the development and improvement of services provided to children and youth, including homeless children and youth and those at risk of homeless. On or before July 1, 2023 and each year thereafter, a copy of the State plan will be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the President Pro Tempore in addition to previously listed individuals.

The measure also specifies that the Parent Partnership Board will assist members of the Commission and their respective entities with areas of concern, support the Commission in the process of developing and awarding grants, and other activities upon request. OCCY is authorized rather than required to use up to 10% of the funds in the Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma to provide administration, oversight, training, or evaluation to grantees or the Parent Partnership Board. Funds deposited in the Children's Endowment Fund must only be used as provided in statute. The measure expands the terms of members of the postadjudication review boards from three years to five. Members of postadjudication review boards are no longer required to attend the annual meeting or training programs and will receiving additional training as required by the Commission instead. Members of the postadjudication will no longer be provided with postage fees.

The measure also strikes several duties of a review board directed by OCCY and in coordination with the district planning and coordination boards including promoting and encouraging all child placement agencies to maximize stability and continuity, reviewing the efforts of agencies and institutions to find permanent placements, encouraging meetings between public and private entities, and assess community resources and develop a directory. The measure also strikes the requirement for a review board to public an annual report. The measure strikes some duties of the State Postadjudication Review Advisory Board and adds that the Board review and make

recommendations specifically related to foster care and permanency planning and any other aspect of the child welfare system deemed necessary. The measure also extends the sunset date for the Child Death Review Board until July 1, 2026.

The measure repeals 10 O.S. 2021, [Sections 601.9](#), [601.11](#), and [601.12](#).

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 696 strikes definitions, modifies membership and requirements, clarifies term limitations, repeals certain law, makes time period extensions, and broadens certain purposes relating to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, Office of Planning and Coordination for Services to Children and Youth, Parent Partnership Board, Child Death Review Board, Oklahoma Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program, State Post-adjudication Review Advisory Board, and Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma. In its current form, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.