

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB2717 changes the income eligibility standards and payment amounts for the Family Support Program administered by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. The income requirement is changed from \$45,000 or less to no more than 7 percent of the amount allowed by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–193).

The amount of family support assistance payment is changed from a maximum of \$400 per month to being based on a sliding payment scale that is tied to income levels and the number of eligible children. Parents or legal guardians whose income is at or below the amount established in Public Law No. 104-193 may waive the payment amount based on the sliding scale and receive a \$400 monthly payment instead.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2717 provides certain income criteria and maximum family support payment conditions for use by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) in maintaining a Family Support Program for children with severe developmental disabilities who reside in their family homes.

The Committee Substitute (CS) for HB2717 modifies the gross adjusted income for qualifying families to no more than 75% of the amount permitted by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (i.e., Public Law No. 104-193). Further, the CS alters the value of family support assistance payments to a tiered structure based on family status at certain poverty levels, and the number of eligible children per family, up to six (6) children total. Specifically, the eight (8) following poverty level thresholds are used:

- families at or below one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level;
- between one hundred one percent (101%) and one hundred twenty-five percent (125%);
- between one hundred twenty-six percent (126%) and one hundred fifty percent (150%);
- between one hundred fifty-one percent (151%) and one hundred seventy-five percent (175%);
- between one hundred seventy-six percent (176%) and two hundred percent (200%);
- between two hundred one percent (201%) and two hundred twenty-five percent (225%);
- between two hundred twenty-six percent (226%) and two hundred fifty percent (250%);
- and
- between two hundred fifty-one percent (251%) and two hundred seventy-five percent (275%) of the federal poverty level.

Proposed Expenditures Based on HB2717

Family Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
275%	-	6,274	65,489	-	-	-	71,763
250%	-	25,098	157,174	-	-	-	182,271
225%	-	52,705	275,054	-	-	-	327,759
200%	-	156,800	400,000	-	-	-	556,800
175%	-	236,000	558,000	-	-	-	794,000
150%	-	408,000	655,500	21,000	-	-	1,084,500
125%	-	477,400	616,200	39,500	-	-	1,133,100
100%	-	5,461,000	2,627,400	167,200	17,800	9,000	8,282,400
Totals	-	6,823,278	5,354,816	227,700	17,800	9,000	12,432,594

Total Difference \$ 7,029,594

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a federal block grant program by which there is a certain level of match or cost sharing between the federal award and state share. Based on this analysis, and accounting for the difference between the federal award and state match, the total expected cost to OKDHS is approximately \$7,029,594.00 in state appropriations. OKDHS has provided these projections for analysis, and OKDHS further anticipates that it will take two to three years to require the full \$7,029,594.00 as additional families come off the DDS waitlist.

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Other Considerations

None.