

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB4490 _____ Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____

Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu
thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Tammy Townley

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4490

5 By: Townley

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8 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to maternal care; creating the
10 Oklahoma Families Thriving Everywhere Now (OFTEN)
11 revolving fund; stating the purpose; providing for
codification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.2 of Title 63, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
19 fund for the Oklahoma State Department of Health to be designated
20 the "Oklahoma Families Thriving Everywhere Now (OFTEN) Revolving
21 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
22 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
23 Oklahoma State Department of Health from state-appropriated funds,
24 federal funds, donations, grants, and contributions from any public

1 or private source and designated for the purpose set forth in this
2 act. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby
3 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma State
4 Department of Health for the purpose provided in this act.

5 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by
6 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with
7 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
8 approval and payment.

9 The program shall include operation of a telecare pregnancy and
10 parenting support program and a maternal health component to provide
11 community outreach, consultations, and care coordination for women
12 experiencing under-supported, high-risk pregnancies, or both, and
13 for parents of young children. The program is designed to:

- 14 1. Encourage healthy childbirth;
- 15 2. Support childbirth and adoption as alternatives to abortion;
- 16 3. Promote stable family formation;
- 17 4. Assist in establishing successful parenting techniques;
- 18 5. Increase the economic self-sufficiency of families; and
- 19 6. Improve maternal and infant health outcomes and reduce
20 health disparities, including disparities among black and other
21 minority mothers who experience higher rates of preterm birth, low
22 birth weight, and maternal morbidity.

23 B. Program services shall be delivered primarily through
24 electronic means, including telephone, secured video, text, and

1 other remote technologies, and coordinated with in-person pregnancy
2 resource centers, community-based organizations, health care
3 providers, and social service agencies physically located in the
4 State of Oklahoma.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.3 of Title 63, unless
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. To the extent appropriations are available, the Oklahoma
9 State Department of Health shall enter one or more contracts with
10 eligible public or private nonprofit organizations to facilitate
11 operation of the telecare support network and associated maternal
12 health program.

13 B. Services may include, but are not limited to:

14 1. Outreach to at-risk populations eligible for the Program,
15 conducted exclusively through online and digital marketing
16 strategies, including websites, search engine marketing, social
17 media, text messaging, email, and other internet-based outreach
18 methods;

19 2. Screening for maternal and infant risk factors, including
20 lack of insurance, age under twenty (20) or over thirty-five (35),
21 low educational attainment, prior adverse pregnancy outcomes,
22 chronic medical conditions, and behavioral health risk factors;

23 3. Development of individualized care plans for program
24 participants;

1 4. Consultations, supports, social services case management,
2 referrals, and care coordination to address medical, behavioral
3 health, social, educational, economic, environmental, and parenting
4 needs throughout pregnancy and the postpartum period;

5 5. Education and support related to preventive medical care,
6 environmental risks, nutrition, smoking, alcohol and substance use
7 cessation, and other factors that contribute to safer pregnancies
8 and healthier infants;

9 6. Assistance in applying for and connecting to state and
10 federal benefits programs and local charitable resources;

11 7. Behavioral health supports, including referrals for
12 counseling or therapy to address perinatal mood and anxiety
13 disorders;

14 8. Coordination of appointments with in-person pregnancy
15 resource centers or similar agencies that provide counseling,
16 ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, prenatal and parenting education,
17 material support, and adoption information; and

18 9. Tracking and support to encourage attendance at prenatal
19 care, postpartum follow-up visits, and pediatric well-child visits.

20 C. Services supported by this program shall be non-medical in
21 nature and shall not include the direct provision of clinical
22 medical services or the prescription of medications. Nothing in
23 this subsection prohibits program personnel from providing medically
24 accurate, pregnancy-related medical information or from encouraging

1 and facilitating timely prenatal, postpartum, and pediatric medical
2 care by licensed health professionals.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.4 of Title 63, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. In order to receive funding under this act, an entity shall:

7 1. Be a public or private nonprofit organization;

8 2. Have the capacity and provide assurances to deliver services
9 primarily through electronic means as described in Section 1 of this
10 act;

11 3. Acknowledge and certify that the entity:

12 a. does not perform, refer for, or assist with the
13 elective termination of a pregnancy, and

14 b. does not set appointments with or refer women or
15 parents to any entity that performs or recommends
16 elective termination of a pregnancy;

17 4. Allow and agree that:

18 a. the Oklahoma State Department of Health personnel may
19 conduct annual, and, at the Department's discretion,
20 additional, programmatic contract reviews, including
21 on-site or virtual monitoring for compliance, and

22 b. the entity grants to the Office of the State Auditor
23 and Inspector, the Department, the federal government,
24 and any other authorized representatives the right to

1 audit, inspect, and review all books and records
2 pertaining to services rendered under their contract.

3 B. Eligibility for services is limited to Oklahoma residents
4 who, at the time of initial contact, are pregnant or the biological
5 parent of an unborn child.

6 C. Any program participant who voluntarily terminates a
7 pregnancy may be eligible to continue receiving non-medical support
8 and parenting-related services through the Program for a period not
9 to exceed six (6) months from the date of pregnancy termination, as
10 determined by Department rule.

11 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.5 of Title 63, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. Contractors shall collect and report to the Oklahoma State
15 Department of Health de-identified data necessary to evaluate
16 program performance, including, to the extent feasible:

17 1. Participant demographic and risk characteristics;
18 2. Referrals to state and federal programs;
19 3. Service utilization and engagement, including behavioral
20 health and nutrition services;

21 4. Maternal outcomes such as prenatal care initiation,
22 postpartum visit completion, and reported postpartum depression; and
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1 5. Infant outcomes such as gestational age at birth, birth
2 weight, NICU utilization, and attendance at initial well-child
3 visits.

4 B. The Department shall, on or before December 31 of each year
5 in which funds are expended under this act, submit a report to the
6 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate,
7 and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives summarizing
8 program implementation, utilization, and outcomes, and offering
9 recommendations regarding continuation, expansion, or modification
10 of the program.

11 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

12 SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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