

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2984

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8 An Act relating to poor persons; directing the  
9 Department of Human Services to publish annual  
10 report; providing information the report shall  
11 contain; authorizing the Department to include  
12 contextual information; directing the Department to  
13 submit the report and make report publicly available  
14 on website; providing that the provisions shall be  
15 carried out within existing appropriations; providing  
16 that provisions shall not require department to  
17 create new data systems or hire additional employees;  
18 directing the Department to make reasonable efforts;  
19 providing for codification; and providing an  
20 effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 271 of Title 56, unless there is  
24 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. The Department of Human Services shall, using existing  
26 resources and data already collected by the Department, compile and  
27 publish an annual report regarding program integrity and payment  
28 accuracy within the child care subsidy program administered pursuant

1 to Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Chapter 40 of Title 340 of  
2 the Oklahoma Administrative Code.

3 B. The purpose of the report shall be to promote  
4 accountability, identify potential improper payments, support high-  
5 quality child care providers, and ensure public funds are directed  
6 to services actually delivered to Oklahoma children and working  
7 families.

8 C. The report shall, to the extent practicable using existing  
9 data systems, include:

10 1. The payment error rate for the child care subsidy program,  
11 if such rate is calculated by the Department or required by federal  
12 reporting;

13 2. The total amount of overpayments identified during the  
14 preceding fiscal year, including those associated with attendance  
15 reporting discrepancies when such information is available;

16 3. The total amount of overpayments recovered during the  
17 preceding fiscal year;

18 4. The number of provider investigations completed related to  
19 the child care subsidy program;

20 5. The number of adverse actions taken against providers,  
21 including suspensions, terminations, or disqualifications;

22 6. Any trends or risk factors identified by the Department  
23 related to improper payments, including patterns that may indicate  
24 inaccurate attendance reporting or other program vulnerabilities;

1 7. A summary of education, outreach, or technical assistance  
2 provided by the Department to help child care providers maintain  
3 compliance and avoid improper payments; and

4 8. The number of current daycare facilities to date, child care  
5 capacity, the number of daycare facilities losses, and child care  
6 capacity loss each year.

7 D. The Department may include any additional contextual  
8 information necessary to accurately interpret the data provided in  
9 the report and to highlight the performance of providers operating  
10 in good faith compliance with program requirements.

11 E. The Department shall submit the report to the Governor, the  
12 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President  
13 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate no later than November 1 of each  
14 year and shall make the report publicly available on the  
15 Department's website.

16 F. The requirements of this section shall be carried out within  
17 existing appropriations and shall not require the Department to  
18 create new data systems or hire additional full-time employees.

19 G. As part of the annual report required by this section, the  
20 Department shall, using existing licensing and administrative data  
21 to the extent available, include information regarding the supply  
22 and capacity of child care providers in this state, including:

23 1. The total number of licensed child care facilities operating  
24 in the state during the reporting period;

1           2. The estimated licensed child care capacity statewide and by  
2 region, to the extent such information is available;

3           3. The number of licensed child care facilities that opened  
4 during the preceding fiscal year;

5           4. The number of licensed child care facilities that closed  
6 during the preceding fiscal year;

7           5. The estimated reduction in licensed child care capacity  
8 associated with such closures, to the extent practicable; and

9           6. A summary of information obtained by the Department  
10 regarding the primary reasons for provider closures.

11           H. The Department shall make reasonable efforts, within  
12 existing resources, to contact providers that have closed during the  
13 reporting period to request voluntary feedback regarding the reasons  
14 for closure. Participation by former providers shall be voluntary,  
15 and nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the  
16 Department to obtain responses in every case.

17           I. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the  
18 creation of new data systems or mandatory surveys of providers.

19           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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