

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1581

By: Lawson of the House

and

Reinhardt of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2021,
12 Sections 1-9-104 and 1-9-104a, which relates to the
13 Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account; authorizing
14 the Department of Human Services to allocate monies
15 directly or through a contracted entity; modifying
16 provisions related to the disbursement of funds by
17 the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;
18 removing requirement to provide monthly
19 documentation; authorizing the Department to enter
20 into a contract with an eligible entity; modifying
21 date; authorizing the Department or an entity the
22 Department is contracted with to administer the Child
23 Abuse Multidisciplinary Account fund; authorizing a
24 qualifying entity to contract with eligible
 providers; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-104, is
amended to read as follows:

1 Section 1-9-104. A. The Department of Human Services shall
2 allocate monies available in the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary
3 Account (CAMA), either directly or through a contracted entity, to:

4 1. The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account (CAMTA) Fund
5 created by Section 1-9-103a of this title. Monies made available to
6 the CAMTA shall be used for the purposes of funding one functioning
7 freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse team in each county of
8 this state, utilizing the funding distributions as provided in
9 subsection B of this section;

10 2. One hospital team pursuant to subsection E of Section 1-9-
11 102 of this title; and

12 3. One child advocacy center, accredited by the National
13 Children's Alliance, per district attorney's district. A child
14 advocacy center shall:

15 a. be eligible for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account
16 (CAMA) funding upon accreditation by the National
17 Children's Alliance,

18 b. secure a third-year interim review to determine
19 whether the child advocacy center continues to meet
20 the National Children's Alliance standards in effect
21 at the time of its last accreditation. If a child
22 advocacy center fails the third-year review, the
23 center shall remain eligible for CAMA funding, but
24 shall have another review conducted in the fourth

1 year. If the child advocacy center fails the fourth-
2 year review, the center shall be ineligible to receive
3 CAMA funding until such time as the center receives
4 reaccreditation from the National Children's Alliance,
5 and

6 c. remain the center for the district attorney's district
7 as long as the center is accredited and eligibility is
8 maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-9-
9 102 of this title. If a center does not remain
10 eligible pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-9-102
11 of this title, endorsement by the district attorney as
12 the child advocacy center for the district may be
13 sought by any entity beginning with the calendar year
14 after the center is determined to be ineligible. The
15 two centers in district number (4) and district number
16 (13) that were accredited as of May 17, 2005, shall
17 continue to receive funding at the nonurban level.
18 Should one of the exempted centers close or no longer
19 meet the criteria for a child advocacy center pursuant
20 to the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of this title,
21 the center shall not be allowed to reopen in that
22 district or to receive CAMA funds. The remaining
23 center shall become the sole child advocacy center for
24 the district attorney's district.

1 B. Funding distribution pursuant to the provisions of this
2 section shall be determined:

3 1. By multiplying the number of applicants in each category by
4 the corresponding weight as follows:

- 5 a. freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse team - 1,
- 6 b. hospital team - 1,
- 7 c. nonurban centers - 4,
- 8 d. mid-level nonurban centers - 6, and
- 9 e. urban centers - 24;

10 2. Adding together the weighted results for all categories;

11 3. Dividing the weighted result for each category by the sum of
12 the weighted results for all categories; and

13 4. Equally distributing funding to each applicant in the
14 corresponding category based on the amounts obtained by multiplying
15 the total available funding by the calculated percentages. The
16 total amount for all freestanding multidisciplinary teams as
17 determined by the formula provided in this subsection shall be
18 transferred to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account
19 (CAMTA) Fund established by Section 1-9-103a of this title and
20 contracts with each freestanding multidisciplinary team shall be
21 completed no later than January 1 of each year.

22 ~~During state fiscal year 2019, the Oklahoma Commission on Children~~
23 ~~and Youth may disburse to each freestanding multidisciplinary team~~
24 ~~the remaining contracted amount of the freestanding~~

1 ~~multidisciplinary team award. The freestanding multidisciplinary~~
2 ~~team shall provide the Commission with monthly documentation of~~
3 ~~expenses as well as activity data and continue providing such~~
4 ~~documentation thereafter. Beginning January 1, 2020, and each year~~
5 ~~thereafter, the Commission may disburse the contracted amount at the~~
6 ~~beginning of the calendar year to freestanding multidisciplinary~~
7 ~~teams that are functioning effectively as determined by the~~
8 ~~Commission pursuant to Section 1-9-102 of this title.~~

9 C. The Department is authorized to enter into a contract with
10 an eligible entity identified as a nationally accredited association
11 of Children's Advocacy Centers to administer and disburse funds from
12 the CAMA fund. By January 31, ~~2003~~ 2027, and by January 31 of each
13 year thereafter, the Department, directly or through its contracted
14 entity, shall disburse monies from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary
15 Account to eligible child advocacy centers. A child advocacy center
16 shall be in compliance with the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of
17 this title to be eligible for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account
18 funding. The disbursement shall be a single, annual disbursement,
19 for the collection period of the preceding year beginning October 1
20 through September 30.

21 D. A report issued by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and
22 Youth to the Oklahoma Legislature outlining performance measures for
23 all multidisciplinary teams, including those associated with child
24 advocacy centers, and recommendations on the funding formula

1 provided for in this section shall be transmitted to the Oklahoma
2 Legislature no later than December 31, 2017. The Department, the
3 Commission, and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma, Inc.,
4 shall meet annually to review and certify the amount of CAMA and
5 CAMTA funds to be disbursed.

6 E. A child advocacy center may carry over funding for a period
7 of one (1) year after allocation, such one-year period to begin in
8 January and end in December of the same year; provided, however,
9 funds not used within twenty-four (24) months of the original
10 allocation will be deducted from the contract amount for the next
11 contract year. If a center is ineligible for funding in an upcoming
12 year, unused funds from the current or previous years shall be
13 returned to the CAMA Fund for use in subsequent years. Funds not
14 used by a freestanding team by the end of the contract period shall
15 revert to, and be deposited in, the CAMA Fund.

16 F. The Commission is hereby authorized to receive five percent
17 (5.0%) in administrative costs from the CAMTA Fund. The Department
18 of Human Services is hereby authorized to receive one-half of one
19 percent (0.5%) in administrative costs from the CAMA fund. The
20 Department is authorized to administer the CAMA fund or to enter
21 into a contract with an eligible entity that is a nationally
22 accredited association of Children's Advocacy Centers for the
23 administration of the fund.

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1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-104a,
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1-9-104a. ~~The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth~~
4 ~~shall~~ Department of Human Services is authorized to contract with a
5 qualifying entity that is a nationally accredited state chapter of
6 Oklahoma Children's Advocacy Centers to administer Child Abuse
7 Multidisciplinary Account funds, and such qualifying entity may
8 contract with eligible providers as authorized by this act.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
12 03/05/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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