

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 23, 2026

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1430

By: Jech

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6 An Act relating to the Department of Mental Health
7 and Substance Abuse Services; amending 43A O.S. 2021,
8 Section 2-101, which relates to the Board of Mental
9 Health and Substance Abuse Services; modifying
10 appointing authority of the Commissioner of Mental
11 Health and Substance Abuse Services; conforming
12 language; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2021, Section 2-101, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 2-101. A. 1. There is hereby established in this
17 state a Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

18 2. This Department's governing board shall be the Board of
19 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and its chief executive
20 officer shall be the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance
21 Abuse Services. The Commissioner shall be appointed by ~~the Governor~~
22 ~~with the advice and consent of the Senate~~ and shall serve at the
23 pleasure of the ~~Governor~~ Board and may be removed or replaced
24 without cause. Compensation for the Commissioner shall be
determined by the Governor. ~~The Commissioner may be removed from~~

1 ~~office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members elected to and~~
2 ~~constituting each chamber of the Legislature Board.~~

3 3. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
4 shall exercise all functions of the state in relation to the
5 administration and operation of all state facilities for the care
6 and treatment of the mentally ill and drug- or alcohol-dependent
7 persons.

8 B. All references in the Oklahoma Statutes to the Department of
9 Mental Health or the Board of Mental Health shall be construed to
10 refer to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
11 Services or the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
12 respectively.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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