

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE BILL 1421

By: Dossett

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; requiring nonphysical intervention training for certain facilities and programs; describing training; requiring and prohibiting certain acts by staff or volunteer; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-336 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All clinical staff, direct care staff, and volunteers providing direct care to minor children in any facility or program that is certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services under Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and receives funding through a contract with the Department shall receive nonphysical intervention training as described in subsection B of this section, subject to such exceptions as may be provided by rules of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

1 B. The nonphysical intervention training shall teach techniques
2 and philosophies addressing appropriate nonviolent interventions for
3 potentially physical interpersonal conflicts, staff attitudes that
4 promote dignity and enhanced self-esteem, keys to effective
5 communication skills, verbal and nonverbal interaction, and
6 nonviolent intervention.

7 C. The staff member or volunteer:

8 1. Shall complete the nonphysical intervention training within
9 thirty (30) days of being hired, with updates each calendar year
10 thereafter; and

11 2. Shall not participate in an intervention of a minor child
12 without first completing the training.

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

14
15 60-2-3040 DC 1/6/2026 11:43:27 AM
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25