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By: Caldwell (Trey) et al of the House

Hall et al of the Senate

Title: Public finance, Budget and Finance Act of 2025, effective date.

Coauthored By:

Recommendation: **DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS**

Amendments:

1. Committee Substitute Attached



Chr.
Representative Trey Caldwell

YEAS: 27

Bennett, Blancett, Boles, Burns, Caldwell (C), Caldwell (T), Fetgatter, Ford, Fugate, Grego, Kane, Kerbs, Lawson, Luttrell, Manger, Miller, Munson, Newton, Osburn, Pae, Pfeiffer, Provenzano, Ranson, Sterling, Strom, West (J), West (T)

NAYS: 0

CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVILEGE: 0

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Daniels, Dossett, Gollihare, Goodwin, Green, Hall, Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Kirt, Murdock, Pederson, Prieto, Pugh, Rader, Reinhardt, Rosino, Sacchieri, Seifried, Stanley, Stewart, Thompson, Weaver

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Senator Chuck Hall, Chair

- ADOPTED

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2791

By: Caldwell (Trey) and Kane of
the House

and

Hall and Haste of the
Senate

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to the Department of Human Services;
making appropriations; identifying source;
establishing amounts; providing purposes; requiring
and limiting the utilization of funds; creating
certain special accounts; limiting duration of
accounts; requiring certain determination; providing
and limiting the nature of the accounts and the funds
within the accounts; authorizing agency to submit
request for certain deposits or transfers; requiring
certain compliance and verifications; authorizing
certain memorandums of understanding; limiting scope;
prohibiting certain memoranda terms; authorizing and
limiting the promulgation of rules and utilization of
procedures; authorizing and limiting the retention of
monies for administration costs; requiring certain
reports and submissions to certain entities;
requiring appearance before certain joint committee;
limiting duration of certain requirements; providing
for noncodification; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Human Services
from the Statewide Recovery Fund created in Section 255 of Title 62
of the Oklahoma Statutes, the sum of One Hundred Ninety-five
Thousand Dollars (\$195,000.00) or so much thereof as may be
necessary due to increased costs of the project funded in Section 4
of Enrolled House Bill No. 2884 of the 1st Regular Session of the
59th Oklahoma Legislature. Such funds shall be utilized in a manner
consistent with recommendations adopted by the Joint Committee on
Pandemic Relief Funding on May 12, 2025.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Human Services
from the Statewide Recovery Fund created in Section 255 of Title 62
of the Oklahoma Statutes, the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-eight
Thousand Dollars (\$328,000.00) or so much thereof as may be
necessary due to increased costs of the project funded in Section 7
of Enrolled House Bill No. 2884 of the 1st Regular Session of the
59th Oklahoma Legislature. Such funds shall be utilized in a manner
consistent with recommendations adopted by the Joint Committee on
Pandemic Relief Funding on May 12, 2025.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

1 There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Human Services
2 from the Statewide Recovery Fund created in Section 255 of Title 62
3 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the sum of Five Million Dollars
4 (\$5,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary due to
5 increased costs of the project funded in Section 1 of Enrolled House
6 Bill No. 2884 of the 1st Regular Session of the 59th Oklahoma
7 Legislature. Such funds shall be utilized in a manner consistent
8 with recommendations adopted by the Joint Committee on Pandemic
9 Relief Funding on May 12, 2025.

10 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
11 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

12 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a Statewide
13 Recovery Special Account for the Department of Human Services for
14 each appropriation section of this act. The duration of such
15 accounts shall continue for the period of time that monies related
16 to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 are being budgeted,
17 expended, or managed in the state. The ending of such period shall
18 be determined by the State Treasurer, and shall result in the
19 closing of such accounts as a matter of law. Such accounts shall be
20 continuing accounts as otherwise provided in this section, not
21 subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall exclusively consist of
22 monies related to the relevant appropriations made in this act and
23 as otherwise directed by law. All monies deposited to the credit of
24 such accounts are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and

1 expended by the Department of Human Services in accordance with the
2 provisions of this act. Expenditures from such accounts shall be
3 made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims
4 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of
5 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

6 B. The Department of Human Services is authorized to request in
7 writing that the monies appropriated by the provisions of this act
8 be deposited or transferred to the accounts created pursuant to
9 subsection A of this section. No later than seven (7) calendar days
10 from the date of such request, the Director of the Office of
11 Management and Enterprise Services shall comply with such request
12 and verify to the requesting agency that such deposit or transfer
13 has been completed.

14 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
15 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

16 The Department of Human Services may enter into memorandums of
17 understanding with other agencies of the State of Oklahoma for the
18 auditing, documentation, evaluation, implementation, oversight,
19 reporting, and management of funds and associated efforts related to
20 the appropriations made in this act; provided, no such memorandum of
21 understanding shall require or include, as an option or condition,
22 the direct or practical transfer or relinquishment of control by the
23 agency appropriated such funds to budget, expend, allocate, and
24 request the distribution of the funds appropriated by this act.

1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
2 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

3 The Department of Human Services may promulgate rules, utilize
4 existing rules, establish procedures, and utilize existing
5 procedures to implement the provisions of this act, provided such
6 rules and procedures do not conflict with or impede the provisions
7 of this act.

8 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
9 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

10 The Department of Human Services shall retain no more than two
11 percent (2%) of the funds appropriated by this act to reimburse:

12 1. Costs incurred by the Department of Human Services; or

13 2. Costs incurred on the agency's behalf,
14 associated with the administration of the appropriated funds and
15 programming required by the Department of Human Services under the
16 provisions of this act; provided, no funds shall be retained that
17 would be disallowable under the provisions of the American Rescue
18 Plan Act of 2021.

19 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 A. The Department of Human Services shall:

22 1. Submit to the chairs of the Joint Committee on Pandemic
23 Relief Funding, or any successor Oklahoma House of Representatives
24 or Oklahoma State Senate legislative committee or joint committee,

1 as designated by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
2 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
3 Senate:

4 a. a written or electronic quarterly report detailing the
5 budgeting, expenditure, and management of all monies
6 appropriated in this act, and

7 b. a copy of all memorandums of understanding and
8 contracts with third parties entered into by the
9 Department of Human Services to facilitate, assist, or
10 administer powers and duties provided to the
11 Department under the provisions of this act; and

12 2. At the Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding's request,
13 appear before the Joint Committee no later than six (6) months after
14 the effective date of this act, and as otherwise requested by the
15 Joint Committee, to provide a status update regarding the
16 implementation of the provisions of this act.

17 B. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall remain
18 applicable for the period of time that monies appropriated under
19 this act are being budgeted, expended, or managed in the state. The
20 ending of such period shall be determined by the State Treasurer,
21 and shall be reported to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma
22 House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the
23 Oklahoma State Senate.

24 SECTION 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 10. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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