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Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 2984 requires the Department of Human Services to compile and publish an annual report regarding program integrity and payment accuracy within the child care subsidy program. The purpose of the report will be to promote accountability, identify potential improper payments, support high-quality child care providers, and ensure public funds are being directed to services that are being delivered. The requirements for the data to be included in the report, to extent of existing data systems, are included in the measure. DHS may include any additional context to accurately interpret the data provided and to highlight the performance of providers operating in good faith compliance with program requirements. The Department must also include specified information regarding the supply and capacity of child care providers in the state.

The Department will submit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House, and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate by November 1 annually and must make the report publicly available on the Department website. These requirements will be carried out with existing appropriations and will not require new data systems or additional employees.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2984 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to compile and publish an annual report on program integrity and payment accuracy within the child care subsidy program to promote accountability and ensure funds are used for their intended purpose.

The measure requires DHS to use existing resources and previously collected data, prohibiting new data systems or additional FTEs. In its current form, the measure has no cost to the state, as the requirements will be absorbed within the agency's existing budget.

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Other Considerations

None.