

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3131
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Impact:	OSDH: Potential Costs

Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB 3131 creates the "Oklahoma Homeless Shelter Safety and Accountability Act." The State Department of Health is authorized to make rules strictly limited to implementing minimum standards authorized in the measure. The Department does not have the authority to undertake certain actions as is established in the measure. This act does supersede any continuum of care established pursuant to federal law, but compliance with this act will be a condition of eligibility for state-administered funds and state-administered federal funds. Providers receiving federal funds directly for a federal agency are not subject to this measure.

Each provider is required to comply with the tiered financial audit or review requirements and must prepare an annual public summary report. Providers are also required to submit annual aggregate data. The State Department of Health must not condition funding eligibility on achieving specific outcomes or performance benchmarks beyond those required for state-administered funds. The State Department of Health must maintain a process for receiving complaints and no provider must retaliate against an individual who submits a complaint in good faith. A provider has 30 days upon written notice of a deficiency. Nothing in this act supersedes local zoning nor requires a political subdivision to approve or site a homeless facility.

The measure also creates the Oklahoma Homeless Shelter Standards Advisory Board which will have nine members and whose recommendations will not have the force of law unless enacted by the Legislature. The Board will review rules pursuant to the measure and submit annual recommendations to the Legislature. The measure provides for the membership of the Board, which will cease to exist five years from the effective date of the act.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3131 creates the Oklahoma Homeless Shelter Safety and Accountability Act and authorizes the State Department of Health (OSDH) to promulgate certain rules for implementation.

OSDH has been contacted to confirm whether the measure, in its current form, will still require an additional FTE, as the proposed committee substitute reduces the agency's obligations compared to the introduced version. As feedback is provided, this fiscal impact will be updated.

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Other Considerations

None.

