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Research Analysis

HB 3644, as introduced, creates the "Blake Burgess Act," which requires each hospital with an emergency department and each ambulatory surgical center to develop and implement policies and procedures around medical attention for persons at risk of forming venous thromboembolisms (VTE). Additionally, all nonphysician personnel must be annually trained around these policies and procedures. The State Department of Health will contract with a private entity that meets specified conditions to establish and maintain a statewide VTE registry to ensure that required performance measures are maintained and the registry will be available for use to improve or modify care systems, ensure compliance with nationally recognized guidelines, and monitor patient outcomes. Beginning on July 1, 2027, each hospital with an emergency department must start reporting certain data metrics to the statewide VTE registry. The contracted private entity must use a national recognized platform to collect this data and must provide regular reports to the State Department of Health. The Department must submit a report on the incidence of VTE by June 1, 2027. The contracted private entity must only use or publish information from the registry for the purpose of advancing medical research or medical education.

The measure adds definitions of *Pulmonary embolism* and *Venous thromboembolism* to the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act. The measure also requires assisted living facilities to provide a consumer information pamphlet about VTE to residents upon admission. The measure requires direct care staff to receive training on recognizing signs and symptoms of VTE as well as techniques for providing an emergency response.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3644 establishes the Blake Burgess Act, requiring certain hospitals to implement policies and procedures for the prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE). The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) must contract with a private entity to create and maintain a statewide VTE registry. Hospitals will be required to report to the registry by July 1, 2027. In addition, the measure directs nursing and assisted living facilities to provide residents with information about VTE upon admission.

OSDH has been contacted regarding potential fiscal implications for the agency. As OSDH provides feedback, this impact will be updated.

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Other Considerations

None.

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