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Impact:	OSDH: Potential Costs

Research Analysis

The proposed subcommittee substitute for HB 4490 creates the "Oklahoma Families Thriving Everywhere Now (OFTEN) Revolving Fund," which the program thereof will include the operation of a telecare pregnancy and parenting supporting program and a maternal health component for women experiencing under-supported, high-risk pregnancies, or both, and for parents of young children. Program services will be delivered primarily through electronic means and coordinated with in-person resources and agencies located in Oklahoma. Subject to appropriations, the State Department of Health will enter one or more contracts to facilitate the operation of the telecare support network and associated maternal health program. Services supported by this program will be non-medical in nature and will not include the direct provision of clinical medical services or the prescription of medications. The measure provides a set of criteria for entities to receive funding under this act. Eligibility for services is limited to Oklahoma residents who are pregnant or the biological parent of an unborn child. Any program participant who voluntarily terminates a pregnancy may be eligible to continue receiving non-medical support and parenting-related services for a period to not exceed six months from pregnancy termination. Contactors must collect report and report specified data to the Oklahoma State Department of Health to evaluate program performance. The Department must submit a report on or before December 31 of each year in which funds are expended under this measure.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 4490 directs the State Department of Health (OSDH) to implement the maternal health program provided by the measure. It also creates the Oklahoma Families Thriving Everywhere Now (OFTEN) Revolving Fund within OSDH.

OSDH has been contacted regarding potential implementation costs. The measure does not appropriate any money to the fund; therefore, the fiscal impact is contingent upon future appropriations to the revolving fund.

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Other Considerations

None.

