OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 15, 2025

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

<u>SB146</u>

By Murdock of the Senate and Newton of the House

Title: Department of Public Safety Mental Wellness Division; expanding scope of eligibility. Effective date

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the House recede from all Amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES

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HOUSE CONFEREES:

General Conference Committee on Appropriations

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2	ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 146 By: Murdock of the Senate
3	and
4	Newton of the House
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8	An Act relating to the Department of Public Safety;
9	amending Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024, Sections 9101 and 9102), which
10	relate to the Mental Wellness Division; expanding scope of eligibility; updating statutory reference;
11	updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.
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14	AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Adams
15	AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, Lines 6 through 9, strike the title to
16	read:
17	"[Department of Public Safety - Mental Wellness
18	Division - scope of eligibility - effective date]"
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20	AMENDMENT NO. 2. Page 1, Line 11, strike the enacting clause
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1	Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of April, 2025.
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4	Presiding Officer of the House of
5	Representatives
6	Passed the Senate the day of, 2025.
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11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
12	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 165, O.S.L.
13	2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 9101), is amended to read as
14	follows:
15	Section 9101. A. The Department of Public Safety shall
16	establish and maintain a Mental Wellness Division to provide mental
17	wellness services and programs to public safety personnel <u>and</u>
18	retirees thereof to promote good mental wellness. The Commissioner
19	of Public Safety shall appoint the Director of the Mental Wellness
20	Division.
21	B. The Director of the Mental Wellness Division shall report to
22	the Commissioner. All current and former employees of the Mental
23	Wellness Division shall maintain the privacy of all public safety
24	personnel served by the Division or who participate in its programs.

1 No privileged personal health information shall ever be shared with 2 the Commissioner or made public without the consent of that person. However, aggregate mental health information may be shared with the 3 Commissioner. Aggregate mental health information may be made 4 5 public by the Commissioner if, in the judgment of the Commissioner, doing so could improve public safety mental wellness policies for 6 public safety personnel and the information is made public for this 7 sole purpose. Provided, no aggregate mental health information may 8 9 be shared or made public if doing so could reveal otherwise 10 privileged personal mental health information about any specific individual. It shall be the duty of the Director of the Division to 11 12 establish the necessary policies and procedures to ensure the privacy and confidentiality requirements of this section and of all 13 other applicable health privacy laws. Any breach of the privacy 14 provisions of this section and of any other applicable health 15 privacy laws must be timely and thoroughly investigated and the 16 appropriate disciplinary and corrective actions taken. 17

18 C. The Mental Wellness Division is authorized to enter into 19 partnerships with private entities to fulfill its mandate.

D. The offices, records, communications, information
technology, equipment, and any other resources of the Mental
Wellness Division shall be located and maintained separately from
that of the other divisions within the Department.

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1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 165, O.S.L.
2 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 9102), is amended to read as
3 follows:

Section 9102. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a 4 5 revolving fund for the Department of Public Safety on behalf of the Mental Wellness Division of the Department of Public Safety to be 6 designated the "Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund". The fund 7 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, 8 9 and shall consist of those monies appropriated to the fund by law or 10 deposited in the fund as provided pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 of this act 9103 of this title. All monies accruing to 11 12 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted 13 and expended by the Mental Wellness Division for the purpose of providing mental wellness services and programs to public safety 14 personnel and retirees thereof. Expenditures from the fund shall be 15 made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims 16 17 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment. 18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025. 19 20 21 22 23

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1	Passed the Senate the 17th day of March, 2025.
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4	Presiding Officer of the Senate
5	Passed the House of Representatives the day of,
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