

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4490

By: Townley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to maternal care; directing the creation of the Oklahoma Families Thriving Everywhere Now (OFTEN); making appropriations; stating amount and purpose; providing funding for program; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.2 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall use funds allocated in this section to establish the Oklahoma Families Thriving Everywhere Now (OFTEN). The program shall include operation of a telecare pregnancy and parenting support program and a maternal health component to provide community outreach, consultations, and care coordination for women experiencing under supported, high-risk pregnancies, or both, and for parents of young children. The program is designed to:

1. Encourage healthy childbirth;

2. Support childbirth and adoption as alternatives to abortion;
3. Promote stable family formation;
4. Assist in establishing successful parenting techniques; and
5. Increase the economic self-sufficiency of families.

B. Services may include, but are not limited to, direct supports, social services case management, and referrals for biological parents of unborn children and biological or adoptive parents of children under three (3) years of age, delivered through community-based providers physically located in the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma State Department of Health from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to implement the provisions of Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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