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Research Analysis

The Senate Amendment to HB 1863 deletes section one of the engrossed measure which would have increased the sentence for a person or agency who knowingly permits, assists, or encourages the release, disclosure, or use of confidential records for any commercial, political or unauthorized purpose to up to 12 months and jail and/or a fine of \$5,000.

HB 1863 provides that each multidisciplinary child abuse team review cases involving child sexual abuse or physical abuse or neglect review rather than intervene in reports. The measure also provides that these teams develop a written protocol for joint investigation of cases by law enforcement and child welfare staff as well as formalize a case review process that uses a secure database. If an investigation is allowed to proceed without full participation of all personnel, a joint investigation must be initiated as soon as possible thereafter. Additionally, for freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse teams, staff of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth will conduct on-site compliance reviews as necessary. Last, the measure requires the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to provide for the creation and maintenance of a secure database that will be used by freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse teams during case review. The database will collect case information and maintain strict security as well as be subject to confidential records requirements. The Commission must promulgate rules as necessary.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Senate Amendment to HB 1863 directs the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) to provide a database that will support case management and facilitate information sharing across all agencies involved in child abuse investigations. OCCY officials confirmed that no additional resources will be needed to carry out the requirements of the measure, as the database referenced already exists. Funding for its development has been provided over previous years, and an annual appropriation of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for maintenance is included in the agency's base budget as of FY-25. Therefore, the provisions of this measure will have no fiscal impact on the FY-26 state budget, as it does not require any additional appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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