

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | HB4423 |
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| Request Number: | 15908 |
| Author: | Speaker Hilbert |
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| Impact: | See Analysis Below |

Research Analysis

HB 4423, as introduced, requires the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to verify the immigration status of all applicants to all of their programs using the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system. Upon final determination that an applicant's SAVE status indicates the person is not lawfully in the United States, the Authority must notify the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency of the applicant's unverifiable legal presence in the United States. For any application for child-only Medicaid benefits, the Authority must also verify the immigration status of the qualified adult applying on their behalf, regardless if they are included as a beneficiary or applicant for assistance. Upon final determination that the qualified adult's results do not indicate that the person is lawfully in the United States, the Authority will notify ICE.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure in its current form, requires the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to verify the legal immigration status of applicants for OHCA program benefits, through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system.

The SAVE system charges a monthly fee of \$25 and a per verification charge of \$3.10. These unit costs would be payable by DHS, resulting in a \$300 annual license cost, and a \$3.10 unit cost per verification. These costs would be partially if not completely offset by savings resulting from reduction in the level of fraud related payments of benefits to ineligible illegal immigrants in Oklahoma. The scale of such fraud in Oklahoma is unknown at this time; therefore, it is not possible to forecast at this time whether such savings will or will not fully offset the costs of application verification through the SAVE system.

Officials from OHCA anticipate the ability to absorb any costs related to the provisions of the measure without the need for increased appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

