

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 146

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Department of Public Safety; amending Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024, Sections 9101 and 9102), which relate to the Mental Wellness Division; expanding scope of eligibility; updating statutory reference; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 2022 (74 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 9101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 9101. A. The Department of Public Safety shall establish and maintain a Mental Wellness Division to provide mental wellness services and programs to public safety personnel and retirees thereof to promote good mental wellness. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall appoint the Director of the Mental Wellness Division.

B. The Director of the Mental Wellness Division shall report to the Commissioner. All current and former employees of the Mental Wellness Division shall maintain the privacy of all public safety

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

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

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

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:

4 Section 9102. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
5 revolving fund for the Department of Public Safety on behalf of the  
6 Mental Wellness Division of the Department of Public Safety to be  
7 designated the "Mental Wellness Division Revolving Fund". The fund  
8 shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations,  
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  
11 ~~Section 3 of this act~~ 9103 of this title. All monies accruing to  
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  
14 providing mental wellness services and programs to public safety  
15 personnel and retirees thereof. Expenditures from the fund shall be  
16 made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims  
17 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of  
18 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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