

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                           1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1357

By: Goodwin of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

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11           An Act relating to public health and safety; creating  
12           the Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act; requiring the  
13           Department of Human Services to work with certain  
14           groups; providing for codification; and providing an  
15           effective date.

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

17           SECTION 1.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
18           in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.2 of Title 56, unless there  
19           is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20           This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
21           Caregiver Support Act".

22           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
23           in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.3 of Title 56, unless there  
24           is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The Department of Human Services shall work with caregiver  
2 community groups across the state in a cost-neutral manner using  
3 existing resources to:

4 1. Support expansion of the number of locations in which  
5 services to caregivers are provided;

6 2. Ensure that such geographic locations include low-, mid- and  
7 high-economic-income areas in order to provide greater accessibility  
8 to caregivers; and

9 3. Provide that the locations to be selected shall include  
10 schools, city and county facilities in which no usage fee shall be  
11 charged.

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.4 of Title 56, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 The Department of Human Services shall work with caregiver  
16 community groups across the state in a cost-neutral manner using  
17 existing resources to support awareness of:

18 1. Information to caregivers regarding available services;

19 2. Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to available  
20 services;

21 3. Individual counseling, support groups and caregiver  
22 training; and

23 4. Respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved  
24 from their caregiving responsibilities.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
4 03/02/2017 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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