

1 ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO

2 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2341

By: Roberts (Sean) of the House

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4 and

Smalley of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to physical therapy; amending 59 O.S.  
2011, Section 887.17, as last amended by Section 3,  
8 Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
887.17), which relates to referrals by physicians,  
9 surgeons, or assistants thereof; broadening  
practitioners who may make referrals; updating  
10 statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and  
entire bill and insert

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15 "An Act relating to statutory terms; amending 10 O.S.  
2011, Sections 1408, 1410, 1411, 1414, 1414.1, 1415,  
1415.1, 1416, 1417, 1417.1, 1425 and 1430.20, which  
16 relate to children; updating terms; deleting  
definition; clarifying language; making language  
17 gender-neutral; amending 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-  
502, which relates to Children and Juvenile Code;  
18 updating terms; amending 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-  
503, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 362, O.S.L.  
2014 (10A O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 2-7-503), which  
19 relates to Children and Juvenile Code; updating term;  
20 amending 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-601, as amended  
by Section 3, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S.  
21 Supp. 2018, Section 2-7-601), which relates to the  
Office of Juvenile Affairs' powers and duties;  
22 updating term; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 152,  
643, 701.10b and 833, which relate to crimes and  
23 punishments; updating terms; amending 22 O.S. 2011,  
Section 1161, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter  
24 375, O.S.L. 2017 (22 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1161),

1 which relates to criminal procedure; updating term;  
2 amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.3, as amended by  
3 Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2015 (22 O.S. Supp.  
4 2018, Section 1175.3), which relates to criminal  
5 procedure; updating term; amending 22 O.S. 2011,  
6 Sections 1175.5 and 1175.6, which relate to criminal  
7 procedure; updating term; updating statutory  
8 references; amending 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.6a,  
9 as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 290, O.S.L.  
10 2018 (22 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1175.6a), which  
11 relates to criminal procedure; updating term;  
12 amending 22 O.S. 2011, Sections 1175.6b and 1175.6c,  
13 which relate to criminal procedure; updating term;  
14 amending 25 O.S. 2011, Section 40; updating term;  
15 deleting obsolete date; directing certain use of  
16 language; amending 30 O.S. 2011, Section 1-111, which  
17 relates to guardian and ward; updating term; amending  
18 43A O.S. 2011, Section 1-103, as last amended by  
19 Section 1, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 2017 (43A O.S. Supp.  
20 2018, Section 1-103), which relates to mental health;  
21 deleting term; amending 43A O.S. 2011, Section 10-  
22 103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 39, O.S.L. 2016  
23 (43A O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 10-103), which relates  
24 to mental health; deleting term; amending 43A O.S.  
2011, Section 10-104, as amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 318, O.S.L. 2016 (43A O.S. Supp. 2018,  
Section 10-104), which relates to mental health;  
updating term; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1104.1,  
which relates to motor vehicles; updating terms;  
amending 56 O.S. 2011, Sections 198.11c, 602, 1017.2,  
1017.3, 1025.1 and 1030.1, which relate to poor  
persons; updating terms; modifying definitions;  
amending 56 O.S. 2011, Section 2002, as last amended  
by Section 1, Chapter 183, O.S.L. 2013 (56 O.S. Supp.  
2018, Section 2002), which relates to poor persons;  
updating terms; amending 56 O.S. 2011, Sections 343,  
347, 530.2, 530.3 and 530.6, which relate to poor  
persons; updating terms; amending 59 O.S. 2011,  
Section 367.3, which relates to professions and  
occupations; updating term; amending 59 O.S. 2011,  
Section 887.17, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter  
324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
887.17), which relates to professions and  
occupations; broadening practitioners who may make  
certain referrals; updating statutory language;  
amending 62 O.S. 2011, Section 57.32, which relates  
to the Building Bonds Commission; updating term;

1 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Sections 1-1925.2, 1-219, 1-  
2 222.1 and 1-222.2, which relate to public health and  
3 safety; updating terms; amending 63 O.S. 2011,  
4 Section 1-502.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter  
5 246, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-  
6 502.1), which relates to public health and safety;  
7 updating term; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Sections 1-533  
8 and 1-851.1, which relate to public health and  
9 safety; updating term; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section  
10 1-1902, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 288, O.S.L.  
11 2016 (63 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-1902), which  
12 relates to public health and safety; updating terms;  
13 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1912, as last  
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2014 (63  
15 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-1912), which relates to  
16 public health and safety; updating term; amending 63  
17 O.S. 2011, Sections 330.51 and 5026, which relates to  
18 public health and safety; updating term; prohibiting  
19 the State Medicaid program from contracting with out-  
20 of-state medical providers under certain conditions;  
21 requiring the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to seek  
22 certain federal approval; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
23 Section 6-105, as last amended by Enrolled House Bill  
24 No. 1050 of the 1st Session of the 57th Oklahoma  
Legislature (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6-105),  
which relates to schools; updating term; amending 74  
O.S. 2011, Section 255, which relates to state  
government; updating term; updating statutory name;  
providing for codification; and providing an  
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1408, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 1408. A. "~~Mentally retarded person~~ Individual with  
intellectual disability" as used in Sections 1406 through 1424 of  
this title means a person who has significantly subaverage  
functioning, ~~IQ~~ intelligence quotient of less than ~~70~~ seventy (70),

1 manifested before the age 18 of eighteen (18) and existing  
2 concurrently with related limitations in two or more of the  
3 following applicable adaptive skill areas:

- 4 1. Communication;
- 5 2. Self-care;
- 6 3. Home living;
- 7 4. Social skills;
- 8 5. Use of community resources;
- 9 6. Self-direction;
- 10 7. Health and safety;
- 11 8. Functional academics;
- 12 9. Leisure; and
- 13 10. Work.

14 B. "Resident" as used in Sections 1406 through 1424 of this  
15 title shall mean a person admitted to and in residence in any of the  
16 institutions named in Section 1406 of this title, or on a vacation  
17 or extended vacation status from such institution.

18 C. ~~"Accreditation Council for Services for Mentally Retarded  
19 and Other Developmentally Disabled Individuals" means the national  
20 private nonprofit organization established for the purpose of  
21 promoting quality services for mentally retarded persons which is  
22 incorporated under that name.~~

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1       ~~D.~~ "Developmental disability" as used in Sections 1406 through  
2 1424 of this title means a severe, chronic disability of a person  
3 which:

4           1. Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or  
5 combination of mental and physical impairments, such as ~~mental~~  
6 ~~retardation~~ intellectual developmental disorder, cerebral palsy, or  
7 autism;

8           2. Is manifested before the person attains twenty-two (22)  
9 years of age;

10          3. Is likely to continue indefinitely;

11          4. Results in substantial functional limitations in three or  
12 more of the following areas of major life activity:

13           a. self-care,

14           b. receptive and expressive language,

15           c. learning,

16           d. mobility,

17           e. self-direction,

18           f. capacity for independent living, and

19           g. economic self-sufficiency; and

20          5. Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of  
21 special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other  
22 services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are  
23 individually planned and coordinated. The term developmental  
24 disability shall not include mentally ill persons, as those persons

1 are defined by Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
2 whose sole disability is mental illness.

3 ~~E.~~ D. Nothing in subsection ~~D~~ C of this section shall be  
4 construed to render persons who are receiving services upon ~~the~~  
5 ~~effective date of this act~~ September 1, 1991, through programs and  
6 services for ~~mentally retarded persons~~ individuals with intellectual  
7 disability offered by the Department of Human Services as ineligible  
8 for such services. The Department of Human Services may provide,  
9 within the limitations of funds and other resources available for  
10 such purpose, programs and services for persons with developmental  
11 disabilities who are not presently served by the Department of Human  
12 Services.

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1410, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1410. (a) All personal properties, records, equipment,  
16 and supplies now owned and in use by the above-named institutions  
17 shall be transferred to and become the property of the ~~Commission~~  
18 ~~for~~ Department of Human Services.

19 (b) All contracts, leases, and other such agreements as may have  
20 been entered into by the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
21 Services or any of its agents, relative to the institutions referred  
22 to in Section 1406 of this title and such duties and  
23 responsibilities as are in effect on ~~the effective date of this act~~  
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1 July 1, 1963, shall be assumed by and become binding upon the  
2 ~~Commission for Human Services and the~~ Department of Human Services.

3 (c) All unexpended funds to the credit of the above-named  
4 institutions and all unexpended appropriations for such institutions  
5 shall be transferred by the State Treasurer to the Department of  
6 Human Services and placed in a separate fund. The fund shall be  
7 known as the "Fund for ~~Mentally Retarded~~ Intellectual Disabilities."

8 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1411, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 1411. (a) The ~~Commission~~ Director of Human Services is  
11 authorized and directed to promulgate and adopt all rules and  
12 regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of ~~this act~~  
13 Section 1406 et seq. of this title.

14 (b) The ~~Commission~~ Director shall establish and maintain such  
15 methods of administration (including methods relating to the  
16 establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit  
17 basis) as are necessary for the proper and efficient administration  
18 of the programs and institutions named in Section ~~1 of this act~~ 1406  
19 of this title; shall maintain records and prepare reports; shall  
20 prescribe a uniform accounting system; and shall exercise any other  
21 powers necessary to carry out the provisions of ~~this act~~ Section  
22 1406 et seq. of this title.

23 (c) The ~~Commission~~ Director may provide for the repair,  
24 alterations, or remodeling of any existing building at the above-

1 named institutions, or at any other institution under its  
2 jurisdiction, necessary for the proper and efficient administration  
3 and to conserve the properties and the state's investment in such  
4 properties. Funds available for operating expenses and revolving  
5 funds of institutions under the control of the ~~Commission~~ Department  
6 may be used for such purposes, and may also be expended for land and  
7 other capital outlay, whenever the ~~Commission~~ Department finds the  
8 same is needed for the proper discharge of its responsibilities.  
9 Any county may convey to the State of Oklahoma, for the use of any  
10 such institution, land owned but not needed by the county; and such  
11 conveyance may be made without consideration, appraisal,  
12 advertisement for bids, or offer to the highest bidder, if the board  
13 of county commissioners determines that the same will not be to the  
14 detriment of the county.

15 (d) The ~~Commission~~ Department is authorized to receive grants of  
16 federal funds for the purpose of combating or preventing ~~mental~~  
17 ~~retardation~~ intellectual disabilities, including but not limited to  
18 funds for the treatment, care, rehabilitation, or training of ~~the~~  
19 ~~mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities, or for  
20 the establishment or expansion of any programs or facilities or  
21 research projects relating to ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with  
22 intellectual disabilities, or for construction of research centers  
23 and facilities for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with  
24 intellectual disabilities, and is authorized to cooperate in any



1 reasonable manner with the federal agency or agencies granting such  
2 federal funds for such purposes, including compliance with any  
3 conditions prescribed by federal authorities for the granting of  
4 such funds. The ~~Commission~~ Department may serve as the sole  
5 designated state agency for receiving, disbursing, or administering  
6 federal funds for any of the aforesaid purposes, provided federal  
7 law requires such an agency and the ~~Commission~~ Department is  
8 eligible to be such an agency under federal law. Provided, however,  
9 that this section shall not prevent any other agency from receiving,  
10 disbursing, or administering federal grants for any of the aforesaid  
11 purposes, if authorized or required by federal law.

12 (e) The ~~Commission~~ Department shall establish the duties and fix  
13 the compensation of the superintendent and other personnel needed at  
14 each of the institutions referred to in Section ~~1 of this act~~ 1406  
15 of this title. Appointments to all such positions shall be made by  
16 the Director ~~subject to the approval of the Commission~~.

17 (f) The ~~Commission~~ Director shall have authority to provide for  
18 the expenditure of all funds for the administration and operations  
19 of the institutions specified in Section ~~1 of this act~~ 1406 of this  
20 title and for a compliance with the provisions of ~~this act~~ Section  
21 1406 et seq. of this title.

22 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1414, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1414. A. 1. ~~Mentally retarded persons~~ Individuals  
2 with intellectual disability who are legal residents of this state  
3 and who have a mental age not above that of the average nine-year-  
4 old child, as determined by psychological examination, may be  
5 admitted to an institution named in Section 1406 of this title or  
6 provided community services, if available, on a voluntary basis only  
7 upon written application to the Director on forms provided for such  
8 purpose. Other ~~mentally retarded persons~~ individuals with  
9 intellectual disability who are residents of this state and who are  
10 above such mental age may be admitted or provided community  
11 services, on a voluntary basis only, upon recommendation of the  
12 superintendent of the institution and approval of the Director.

13 2. The application shall be signed by any parent having legal  
14 custody of such person, a guardian appointed by a court, or other  
15 legal custodian of such person.

16 3. The psychological examination provided for in this section  
17 shall be on forms provided by the Department and must be completed  
18 before an application can be approved and the applicant admitted to  
19 the institution.

20 B. Release of a resident of any of the institutions named in  
21 Section 1406 of this title shall be subject to such reasonable rules  
22 and conditions as may be prescribed by the ~~Commission for~~ Director  
23 of Human Services and shall be made only to the parent, guardian  
24 appointed by a court, or legal custodian of the resident; provided,

1 however, a resident eighteen (18) years of age or older who has not  
2 been found by a court to be incompetent or incapacitated may request  
3 and obtain such person's own release.

4 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1414.1, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1414.1. A. In addition to the admissions requirements  
7 of Section 1414 of this title, the Greer Center Facility located on  
8 the grounds of the Northern Oklahoma Resource Center of Enid in  
9 Enid, Oklahoma, shall be established as a separate entity from the  
10 Northern Oklahoma Resource Center of Enid and further shall provide  
11 for the admission of persons who have been dually diagnosed as  
12 follows:

13 1. Primary diagnosis of ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual  
14 disability by a psychologist, physician or psychiatrist. The  
15 diagnosis shall be in accordance with any statutory requirements and  
16 shall include intellectual evaluation, adaptive behavior evaluation,  
17 and evidence that ~~retardation~~ the disability occurred within the  
18 developmental period. Preference shall be given for those  
19 individuals whose ~~retardation~~ disability level falls within the mild  
20 and moderate ranges; and

21 2. Secondly, clinical evidence of behavioral or emotional  
22 problems pursuant to a formal, written evaluation by a psychologist,  
23 psychiatrist or physician describing the nature of the problem, the  
24 frequency of occurrence of the problem, any prior treatment efforts

1 and reasons why the applicant cannot receive appropriate treatment  
2 in the applicant's current environment and a secondary diagnosis of  
3 mental illness in accordance with the Diagnostic and Statistical  
4 Manual of Mental Disorders, as revised and published by the American  
5 Psychiatric Association.

6 B. A person shall not be considered for voluntary admission  
7 into the Greer Center Facility unless it can be clinically  
8 demonstrated that the behavior of the person does not pose an  
9 unreasonable risk of injury, death or sexual assault to others or an  
10 unreasonable risk of injury or death to self. Persons considered  
11 for admission shall not be considered by a psychologist,  
12 psychiatrist, or physician as homicidal or suicidal and shall not  
13 have exhibited homicidal or suicidal tendencies for six (6) months  
14 prior to application for admission.

15 C. An applicant who requires skilled nursing care shall not be  
16 admitted to the Greer Center Facility. Applicants having a medical  
17 condition which is degenerative in nature that will require skilled  
18 nursing shall be considered on a case by case basis to ensure that  
19 sufficient staff is available to ensure quality of care. If an  
20 applicant has any existing medical or surgical condition that is  
21 correctable, the condition shall be remedied by the referring  
22 facility before admission to the Greer Center Facility is  
23 considered.

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1 D. Any person seeking admission to the Greer Center Facility  
2 for treatment who qualifies under subsection A of this section,  
3 subject to the availability of space, shall be admitted. All  
4 persons admitted to the Greer Center Facility shall submit to the  
5 director of the Greer Center Facility a referral packet that  
6 contains at a minimum, the following information or records:

- 7 1. Results of a current physical exam;
- 8 2. Recent physician orders and progress notes for up to one (1)  
9 year, if available;
- 10 3. Recent nursing notes for up to one (1) year, if available;
- 11 4. Fact sheet (medical records);
- 12 5. Legal papers, including, but not limited to, birth  
13 certificate, marriage certificate and guardianship;
- 14 6. Social history, with a recent social evaluation or update  
15 within one (1) year;
- 16 7. Psychological exam administered or updated within ninety  
17 (90) days of referral;
- 18 8. Dental records;
- 19 9. Immunization record;
- 20 10. Multidisciplinary progress notes for up to one (1) year, if  
21 available;
- 22 11. Medical and medication history; and
- 23 12. Individual Habilitation Plan or Care Plan, if available.

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1 E. The Greer Center Admissions Committee shall consist of a  
2 representative from the Greer Center Facility, and other  
3 representatives selected by the Director of the Department of Human  
4 Services. The Committee shall make decisions regarding admissions  
5 to the programs of the Greer Center Facility. The Committee may  
6 request additional information concerning an applicant from the  
7 referring agency or participation by referring agency personnel as  
8 necessary.

9 F. Persons entering the Greer Center Facility shall receive a  
10 comprehensive evaluation of their intellectual functioning, adaptive  
11 behavior skills, and mental health status, and shall receive a  
12 continuous active treatment program, which includes aggressive,  
13 consistent implementation of a program of specialized and generic  
14 training, treatment, health services and related services. The  
15 evaluation and assessment shall be completed within thirty (30) days  
16 of admission to the Greer Center Facility.

17 G. After the evaluation and assessment by the Greer Center  
18 Facility, staff shall present the referral packet of the individual  
19 and their findings to the Greer Center Admissions Committee with a  
20 recommendation for continued admission or alternate treatment.

- 21 1. The Greer Center Admissions Committee shall:
- 22 a. make decisions regarding continued admission, and
  - 23 b. notify the Department of Human Services, and the  
24 referring agency in writing, stating specifically the

1 decisions of the Committee regarding admission,  
2 including specific reasons for denial of admission.

3 2. If admission of an applicant is not continued at the Greer  
4 Center Facility after undergoing the evaluation process, the  
5 referring agency shall reimburse the Department of Human Services  
6 for the number of bed days used at the Medicaid rate for that unit.  
7 If admission of an applicant is continued, the applicant shall be  
8 certified for Medicaid reimbursement from the initial date of  
9 admission.

10 H. Individuals who have been admitted and served by the Greer  
11 Center Facility shall be eligible for readmission services on the  
12 same basis as an individual initially seeking services.

13 I. In addition to other discharge procedures and requirements  
14 provided by law, the interdisciplinary team of the Greer Center  
15 Facility shall have recommended discharge based upon a determination  
16 that the mental or physical condition of the individual prevents the  
17 individual from receiving appropriate services at the Greer Center  
18 Facility or that the individual has made progress in behavioral and  
19 emotional habilitation goals such that the individual no longer  
20 requires the specialized resources at the Greer Center Facility, and  
21 may function in a less restrictive setting.

22 J. A referral to discharge is made to the Greer Center  
23 Discharge Committee, and the final decision to discharge is made by  
24 the Greer Center Discharge Committee.

1 K. The Greer Center Discharge Committee shall:

2 1. Consist of a representative from the Greer Center Facility  
3 and representatives selected by the Director of the Department of  
4 Human Services; and

5 2. Review the discharge referral and related materials to  
6 ensure that the individual can safely reside in a less restrictive  
7 setting with appropriate supports.

8 L. The ~~Commission for~~ Director of Human Services is authorized  
9 and hereby directed to promulgate and amend rules necessary to  
10 implement the provisions of this section.

11 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1415, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1415. A. The voluntary placement of a child in an  
14 institution for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual  
15 disabilities by the child's parents shall not, by itself, abrogate  
16 the rights and authority of the parents.

17 B. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no later  
18 than January 1, 1988, all residents of the institutions specified in  
19 Section 1406 of this title and all residents of other residential  
20 facilities for ~~mentally retarded persons~~ individuals with  
21 intellectual disabilities operated by the Department of Human  
22 Services who are eighteen (18) years of age or older shall have a  
23 guardian appointed by a court. A guardian shall not be required for  
24 a resident of ~~said~~ the institution eighteen (18) years of age or



1 older for whom a guardian is not recommended as provided in  
2 subsection C of this section or who has not been found to be  
3 incompetent or incapacitated by the court.

4 2. The guardian shall be the parent of the resident or a  
5 relative or other adult person appointed by a court to be the  
6 guardian of the resident or former resident. A parent whose  
7 parental rights have not been terminated by a court, and who is  
8 otherwise qualified to serve as guardian, shall have first priority  
9 for appointment as guardian. If a parent is not available or  
10 willing to serve, a relative who is otherwise qualified to serve as  
11 guardian shall have next priority for appointment as guardian.

12 3. The guardian shall not be the superintendent or other  
13 employee of the institution or residential facility in which ~~said~~  
14 the person resides or an employee of the Department of Human  
15 Services, except where the superintendent or employee is also the  
16 parent or relative of the resident or former resident. A  
17 superintendent may serve as guardian ad litem as provided in  
18 subsection D of this section.

19 C. 1. An assessment of the competency of a resident of an  
20 institution or residential facility for ~~the mentally retarded~~  
21 individuals with intellectual disabilities operated by the  
22 Department shall be completed within six (6) months:

23 a. prior to the eighteenth birthday of the resident, ~~or,~~  
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- 1           b.    after institutionalization if the resident is an adult  
2                   at the time of institutionalization~~+~~, or  
3           c.    after ~~the effective date of this act~~ June 30, 1987, if  
4                   the resident is an adult who was institutionalized  
5                   prior to ~~the effective date of this act~~ June 30, 1987,  
6                   and for whom no competency assessment has been  
7                   performed or no guardian appointed.

8           2.    The assessment shall be made by a panel composed of the  
9    resident's social worker, the attending physician of the resident,  
10   and a licensed psychiatrist or licensed psychologist with training  
11   and experience in the area of ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual and  
12   developmental disabilities. The panel shall make a recommendation  
13   to the superintendent as to whether or not the condition of the  
14   resident is such that appointment of a guardian is warranted. Upon  
15   the finding by the panel that appointment of a guardian is  
16   warranted, the superintendent shall initiate guardianship  
17   proceedings.

18           D.   If the parents or other relative of the resident are unable  
19   to serve as guardian or cannot be located, the Department may in a  
20   guardianship proceeding request the court to appoint a guardian ad  
21   litem until such time as a guardian is appointed by a court. If the  
22   court is satisfied, after inquiry into the matter, that a parent or  
23   other relative qualified and willing to serve as guardian cannot  
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1 with due diligence be located, the court may appoint a guardian ad  
2 litem.

- 3 1. The court may appoint as guardian ad litem:
  - 4 a. a qualified relative or other adult person; or
  - 5 b. a public guardian if available; or
  - 6 c. the superintendent of the facility in which the  
7 resident resides.

8 In all cases, a qualified relative or other qualified adult  
9 shall have priority over the Department of Human Services for  
10 appointment as a guardian.

11 2. The appointment of a guardian ad litem shall be as guardian  
12 ad litem of the person only of ~~said~~ the resident, and the court  
13 shall set forth in its appointment order the specific powers and  
14 duties of the guardian ad litem. The guardian ad litem shall not  
15 change the place of residence of the resident unless authorized by  
16 the court.

17 3. The guardian ad litem may serve without bond.

18 E. The Department of Human Services may provide assistance to  
19 residents and former residents of the institutions named in Section  
20 1406 of this title as necessary to assure compliance with the  
21 requirements of subsection B of this section, including filing a  
22 petition to have a guardian of the person appointed for the  
23 resident.

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1 F. The superintendent of the institution shall have the custody  
2 of any resident during the time ~~said~~ the resident remains in the  
3 institution and shall be responsible for the care, treatment, and  
4 education of the resident during the time ~~said~~ the resident remains  
5 in the institution.

6 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1415.1, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 1415.1. A. 1. All institutions named in Section 1406  
9 of this title within the Department of Human Services, which are  
10 established primarily for the purpose of caring for ~~the mentally~~  
11 ~~retarded~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities, shall maintain  
12 an adequate clinical record of each resident. Such record shall  
13 contain initial social, psychological, and medical evaluation  
14 results, as well as interval reports of the resident's condition,  
15 the treatment and training prescribed, and the progress shown.

16 2. The ~~Commission for~~ Director of Human Services shall  
17 establish an ombudsman program for each of the institutions and  
18 residential facilities for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with  
19 intellectual disabilities operated by the Department, which shall  
20 include, but not be limited to, an appeals procedure for the  
21 resolution of grievances or complaints of the residents of the  
22 institutions and facilities and the grievances or complaints of the  
23 parents or the court-appointed guardians of the residents.

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1 B. The educational and physical capabilities of each resident  
2 shall be assessed at least one time each year by appropriate  
3 professional personnel for the purpose of determining such further  
4 treatment or training as may be required. A report of the findings  
5 and recommendations of such assessments shall be filed in the  
6 clinical record of the resident. Failure on the part of the  
7 superintendent of the institution to institute a policy of annual  
8 evaluations, if sufficient personnel are available, shall constitute  
9 dereliction of duty.

10 C. When annual evaluations of a resident reflect improvement in  
11 social or physical capabilities sufficient enough to permit the  
12 resident to be released from the institution, either completely or  
13 conditionally, the superintendent shall return such resident to the  
14 resident's immediate family, or shall provide assistance for the  
15 placement of the resident in some other appropriate residential  
16 setting.

17 D. 1. The Department of Human Services may enter into  
18 contracts for the development of residential settings and attendant  
19 community services prior to the release of the resident.

20 2. The Department shall establish procedures which specify the  
21 conditions and requirements for recipients of such contracts. In  
22 establishing reimbursement rates for recipients of such contracts,  
23 the Department may take into consideration any unusual or increased  
24 costs of the recipient relating to the care and treatment of

1 ~~developmentally disabled~~ clients with developmental disabilities  
2 including, but not limited to, workers' compensation costs.

3 3. A copy of these procedures shall be made available to any  
4 person upon request.

5 E. 1. In addition to any other form of assistance provided,  
6 the Department is authorized to pay stipends to eligible relatives  
7 and certified volunteers for the sole purpose of acquiring legal  
8 representation to initiate guardianship proceedings.

9 2. Financial guidelines and other criteria pertaining to  
10 eligibility of relatives and certified volunteers applying for a  
11 stipend shall be established by rules promulgated by the ~~Commission~~  
12 Director.

13 F. Reports of the reviews of the administration of psychotropic  
14 medications shall be made available to the parent or the court-  
15 appointed guardian of a resident of the institutions. The parent or  
16 the court-appointed guardian of a resident of the institution shall  
17 have access to all clinical records pertaining to the condition,  
18 treatment, training, and education of the resident which are  
19 maintained at the institution, or elsewhere, by the Department of  
20 Human Services.

21 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1416, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1416. A resident at an institution named in Section  
24 1406 of this title is liable for his or her care and treatment.

1 This claim of the state for such care and treatment shall constitute  
2 a valid indebtedness against ~~said~~ the resident and his or her estate  
3 and shall not be barred by any statute of limitations. At the death  
4 of ~~said~~ the resident this claim shall be allowed and paid as other  
5 lawful claims against the estate. Persons making application for  
6 admission of ~~a mentally retarded person~~ an individual with  
7 intellectual disability to ~~said~~ the institution are also liable for  
8 the care and treatment of ~~said~~ the resident, provided that such  
9 persons are legally obligated to support ~~said~~ the resident. No  
10 person shall be liable for ~~said~~ care and treatment solely on the  
11 grounds that ~~said~~ the person has been appointed guardian of ~~said~~ the  
12 resident. Provided, further, that no admission or detention of ~~a~~  
13 ~~mentally retarded person~~ an individual with intellectual disability  
14 in ~~said~~ the institution shall be limited or conditioned in any  
15 manner by the financial status or ability to pay of ~~a mentally~~  
16 ~~retarded person~~ an individual with intellectual disability, his or  
17 her estate, or any relative.

18 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1417, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1417. (a) The Department of Human Services may  
21 establish and direct such mental hygiene clinics and child guidance  
22 clinics in local areas of the state where such clinics are deemed  
23 most advantageous for the public welfare as a distinct part of the  
24 general health program.

1 (b) Outpatient facilities and day care centers to be operated in  
2 conjunction with state schools for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals  
3 with intellectual disabilities shall be established, maintained and  
4 operated by the Department to provide outpatient care for ~~mentally~~  
5 ~~retarded persons~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities. The  
6 number and location of such facilities and day care centers shall be  
7 determined by the ~~Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission~~ Director of  
8 Human Services.

9 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1417.1, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1417.1. A. Payments under the Medicaid Program shall  
12 be made to reserve a bed in an intermediate care facility for ~~the~~  
13 ~~mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities  
14 (ICF/IID) during the absence of a resident, other than for periods  
15 of inpatient hospitalization, pursuant to the provisions of 42  
16 C.F.R. 447.40. Such payments for periods of absence shall be  
17 limited to payment for a maximum of sixty (60) days absent in a  
18 calendar year.

19 B. The Department of Human Services shall amend the Medicaid  
20 State Plan to conform with the requirements of this section.

21 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1425, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1425. (a) (1) The Department of ~~Public Welfare~~ Human  
24 Services and a county (through its board of county commissioners)



1 may enter into an agreement for the operation of a Community ~~Mental~~  
2 ~~Retardation~~ Complex Facility, where day care services, beneficial or  
3 necessary for ~~mentally retarded persons~~ individuals with  
4 intellectual disabilities and their families, may be provided.

5 (2) If a building for the facility is constructed, the county  
6 shall be required to provide the site or the cost of the site; and  
7 not less than sixteen percent (16%) of the cost of constructing the  
8 building and of the cost of equipment for the facility. If space  
9 for the facility is rented, the county shall be required to pay the  
10 rental, and not less than sixteen percent (16%) of the cost of  
11 equipment for the facility.

12 (3) The cost of operating the facility shall be paid by the  
13 Department and the county in such proportions as may be specified in  
14 the agreement.

15 (4) The facility shall be operated in accordance with standards,  
16 rules and regulations adopted by the ~~Oklahoma Public Welfare~~  
17 ~~Commission~~ Department.

18 (b) A similar agreement with any other non-profit public or  
19 private agency or organization may be entered into by the Department  
20 ~~of Public Welfare~~. Such agency or organization shall be subject to  
21 the same requirements as those hereinabove specified for a county.

22 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 1430.20, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1430.20. A. Rules promulgated by the ~~Commission for~~  
2 Director of Human Services regarding the rights and responsibilities  
3 of residents shall be available in each group home subject to the  
4 provisions of the Group Homes for Persons with Developmental or  
5 Physical Disabilities Act, and each resident and guardian or  
6 advocate of the resident, if any, shall be provided a copy of these  
7 rules prior to or upon admission. The provider or licensee shall  
8 ensure that the staff is familiar with and observes the rights and  
9 responsibilities enumerated in this section.

10 B. A statement of rights and responsibilities shall include,  
11 but not be limited to, the following:

12 1. Every resident's civil and religious liberties, including  
13 the right to independent personal decisions and knowledge of  
14 available choices, shall not be infringed and the provider shall  
15 encourage and assist in the exercise of these rights;

16 2. Every resident shall have the right to have private  
17 communications and consultations with the physician, attorney or any  
18 other person of the resident's choice, and may send and promptly  
19 receive, unopened, the resident's personal mail;

20 3. Every resident shall have the right, without fear of  
21 reprisal, to present grievances on behalf of the resident or others  
22 to the provider's staff or administrator, to governmental officials  
23 or to any other person, and to join with other residents or  
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1 individuals within or outside of the facility to work for  
2 improvements in resident care;

3 4. Every resident shall have the right to manage his or her own  
4 financial affairs, unless the resident delegates the responsibility,  
5 in writing, to the provider. The resident shall have at least a  
6 quarterly accounting of any personal financial transactions  
7 undertaken in the resident's behalf by the provider during any  
8 period of time the resident has delegated such responsibilities to  
9 the provider;

10 5. Every resident shall have the right to receive adequate and  
11 appropriate medical care consistent with established and recognized  
12 medical practice standards within the community. Every resident  
13 shall be fully informed by the resident's attending physician of the  
14 resident's own medical condition and proposed treatment in terms and  
15 language that the resident can understand, and shall have the right  
16 to refuse medication and treatment after being fully informed of and  
17 understanding the consequences of such actions;

18 6. Every resident shall receive respect and privacy in the  
19 resident's medical care program. Case discussion, consultation,  
20 examination and treatment shall remain confidential and shall be  
21 conducted discreetly. Personal and medical records shall be  
22 confidential;

23 7. Every resident shall have the right to retain and use his or  
24 her personal clothing and possessions, unless prohibited by law, and

1 shall have the right to security in the storage and use of such  
2 clothing and possessions;

3 8. Every resident shall have the right to be treated  
4 courteously and respectfully and shall be furnished by the provider  
5 with a written statement of the services and related charges;

6 9. Every resident shall be free from mental and physical abuse,  
7 and free from physical and chemical restraints, except those  
8 physical and chemical restraints which are authorized in writing by  
9 a physician, in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department,  
10 for a specified period of time;

11 10. Every resident shall receive a statement of the provider's  
12 guidelines and an explanation of the resident's responsibility to  
13 comply with all reasonable regulations of the group home and to  
14 respect the personal rights and private property of the other  
15 residents;

16 11. Every resident shall receive a statement that should they  
17 be adjudicated incompetent, the above rights and responsibilities  
18 shall be exercised by a court-appointed guardian;

19 12. No resident shall be required to perform services for a  
20 provider, except for normal, shared household tasks;

21 13. Every resident shall have privacy for conjugal visits. A  
22 resident may share a room with a spouse, if the spouse is residing  
23 in the same group home; and  
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1 14. Every resident shall be entitled to all rights provided in  
2 OAC 340:100-3-1.2.

3 C. No provider shall deny appropriate care on the basis of the  
4 resident's source of payment.

5 D. Each provider shall provide appropriate staff training to  
6 implement each resident's rights as stated in this section.

7 E. The rights enumerated in subsection B of this section may be  
8 limited for residents of an alternative group home, as described in  
9 OAC 340:100-5-22.6, if the resident has been placed in the  
10 alternative group home pursuant to Section 1175.6b or Section  
11 1175.6c of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or if the resident has  
12 ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual disability and a current  
13 community protection issue, which include, but are not limited to:

14 1. Allegation(s), charge, or conviction of a sexual offense;

15 2. A history of stalking or opportunistic behavior which  
16 demonstrates a likelihood of committing a sexually violent or  
17 predatory act;

18 3. A pattern of violence towards others;

19 4. A diagnosis of ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual disability  
20 and mental illness with ongoing episodes that are dangerous as  
21 defined in Section 1175.1 of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

22 5. Evidence of commission of a violent crime.

23 F. An action may be brought against an individual by any  
24 resident who is injured by any violation of this section, or who

1 shall suffer injury from any person whose threats would cause a  
2 violation of this section if carried through, may maintain an action  
3 to prevent, restrain or enjoin a violation or threatened violation.  
4 If a violation or threatened violation of this section shall be  
5 established in any action, the court shall enjoin and restrain or  
6 otherwise prohibit the violation or threatened violation and assess  
7 in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant the cost of the  
8 suit, and the reasonable attorney fees incurred by the plaintiff.  
9 If damages are alleged and proved in the action, the plaintiff shall  
10 be entitled to recover from the defendant the actual damages  
11 sustained by the plaintiff. If it is proved in an action that the  
12 defendant's conduct was willful or in reckless disregard of the  
13 rights provided by this section, punitive damages may be assessed.

14 G. Any employee of the Department of Human Services who  
15 inspects any group home shall report any flagrant violations of ~~this~~  
16 ~~act~~ Section 1430.1 et seq. of this title or any other statute to the  
17 Director of Human Services, or a designee, who shall immediately  
18 take whatever steps are necessary to correct the situation  
19 including, when appropriate, reporting the violation to the district  
20 attorney of the county in which the violation occurred.

21 H. Upon the death of a resident who has no sources of payment  
22 for funeral services, the provider shall immediately notify  
23 appropriate county officials who shall be responsible for funeral  
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1 and burial procedures of the deceased in the same manner as with any  
2 indigent resident of the county.

3 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-502,  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2-7-502. A. Whenever a child who has been adjudicated  
6 by the court as a child in need of supervision has been committed to  
7 the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Office may place the child in  
8 the home of the child, the home of a relative of the child, foster  
9 home, group home, transitional living program, independent living  
10 program, community-based setting, rehabilitative facility or child  
11 care facility under the operation of or licensure of the state, or  
12 in a state school for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with  
13 intellectual disabilities if eligible for admission thereto. No  
14 child in need of supervision shall be placed in an Office-operated  
15 institution, other than a rehabilitative facility.

16 B. The Office of Juvenile Affairs may establish and maintain  
17 one or more rehabilitative facilities to be used exclusively for the  
18 custody of children in need of supervision. Each such facility  
19 shall be, primarily, a nonsecure facility having as its primary  
20 purpose the rehabilitation of children adjudicated to be in need of  
21 supervision. Such facility shall have a bed capacity for no more  
22 than twenty children, and shall minimize the institutional  
23 atmosphere and prepare the child for reintegration into the  
24 community. Provided however, that such facility may be designed and

1 operated as a secure facility used exclusively for children in need  
2 of supervision whom the court has specifically found to be so  
3 unmanageable, ungovernable and antisocial that no other reasonable  
4 alternative exists for treatment or restraint other than placement  
5 in such a secure facility. Such facility shall not rely on locked  
6 rooms, fences, or physical restraints.

7 C. A child in need of supervision who has been found by a court  
8 to be a minor in need of treatment shall be placed as provided by  
9 Section 2-2-804 of this title and the Inpatient Mental Health and  
10 Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act.

11 SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-503,  
12 as amended by Section 7, Chapter 362, O.S.L. 2014 (10A O.S. Supp.  
13 2018, Section 2-7-503), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 2-7-503. A. It is the intent of the Legislature of  
15 this state to provide for the creation of all reasonable means and  
16 methods that can be established by a state for:

- 17 1. The prevention of delinquency;
- 18 2. The care and rehabilitation of delinquent children; and
- 19 3. The protection of the public.

20 It is further the intent of the Legislature that this state, through  
21 the Office of Juvenile Affairs, establish, maintain and continuously  
22 refine and develop a balanced and comprehensive state program for  
23 children who are potentially delinquent or are delinquent.

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1 B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, whenever  
2 a child who has been adjudicated by the court as a delinquent child  
3 has been committed to the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Office  
4 shall provide for placement pursuant to any option authorized by  
5 paragraphs 1 through 7 of this subsection; provided, nothing in this  
6 subsection shall be construed to establish a priority in regard to  
7 the selection of an option or to mandate the exclusive use of one  
8 particular option:

9 1. Place the child in a secure facility, including a collocated  
10 secure facility, or other institution or facility maintained,  
11 operated or contracted by the state for delinquent children if the  
12 child has:

- 13 a. exhibited seriously violent, aggressive or assaultive  
14 behavior,
- 15 b. committed a serious felony constituting violent,  
16 aggressive and assaultive behavior,
- 17 c. habitually committed delinquent acts if such acts  
18 would constitute felonies if committed by an adult,
- 19 d. committed multiple serious delinquent acts, or  
20 e. violated any condition of probation or parole,

21 to the extent that it is necessary for the protection of the public.  
22 For purposes of placement, all deferred prosecutions for serious,  
23 habitual, violent, aggressive or assaultive crimes shall count  
24 toward placement decisions;

1           2. Place the child in a facility maintained, operated or  
2 contracted by the state for children, or in a foster home, group  
3 home, transitional living program or community residential center;

4           3. Allow the child his or her liberty, under supervision, in an  
5 independent living program;

6           4. Allow the child his or her liberty, under supervision,  
7 either immediately or after a period in one of the facilities  
8 referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection;

9           5. Place the child in a state school for ~~mentally retarded~~  
10 individuals with intellectual disabilities, if the child is eligible  
11 for admission thereto;

12           6. Place the child in any licensed private facility deemed by  
13 the Office of Juvenile Affairs to be in the best interest of the  
14 child; or

15           7. Place the child as provided by Section 2-2-804 of this title  
16 and the Inpatient Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment of  
17 Minors Act, if the delinquent child has been found by a court to be  
18 in need of mental health or substance abuse treatment.

19           C. The Office shall place priority on the placement of  
20 delinquent youth held in secure juvenile detention facilities.

21           D. Placement of a juvenile pursuant to this section or any  
22 other provision of law shall be the responsibility of the Office of  
23 Juvenile Affairs and shall occur as soon as reasonably possible  
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1 after adjudication and after the selected placement option becomes  
2 available.

3 The court shall not have authority to require specific placement  
4 of a juvenile in a time frame which would require the removal of any  
5 other juvenile from such placement.

6 SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 2-7-601,  
7 as amended by Section 3, Chapter 234, O.S.L. 2016 (10A O.S. Supp.  
8 2018, Section 2-7-601), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 2-7-601. A. In addition to the other powers and duties  
10 prescribed by law, the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall have the  
11 following duties and powers with regard to juveniles placed in  
12 Office-operated institutions and facilities:

13 1. Provide for the care, education, training, treatment and  
14 rehabilitation of juveniles who are placed in the institutions and  
15 facilities. The Office shall provide for a uniform system of  
16 assessment of the reading ability of each juvenile upon initial  
17 placement in an Office-operated institution or facility. The  
18 assessment shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
19 skills:

- 20 a. the level of word decoding skills of the juvenile,
- 21 b. the level of vocabulary and spelling ability of the  
22 juvenile, and
- 23 c. the comprehension level of the juvenile.

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1 The Office may give assistance to local school districts in  
2 providing an education to such juveniles, may supplement such  
3 education, and may provide facilities for such purposes. It shall  
4 be the duty of the Office to assure that juveniles in the aforesaid  
5 institutions and facilities receive educational services which  
6 provide each juvenile with a balanced and comprehensive reading  
7 program, which includes as its primary and foundational components:

- 8 (1) an organized, systematic, explicit skills program  
9 that may include phonics, word recognition  
10 strategies and other word decoding skills to  
11 address the needs of the individual juvenile as  
12 determined by the entry level needs assessment,
- 13 (2) a strong language arts and comprehension program  
14 that includes a balance of oral and written  
15 language, an ongoing individualized evaluation  
16 and diagnosis that informs the teacher and an  
17 assessment that assures accountability, and
- 18 (3) writing, mathematics, science and vocational-  
19 technical education;

20 2. Transfer from a juvenile institution to another facility  
21 under the jurisdiction of the Office, a juvenile who has been  
22 adjudicated delinquent, if the Office believes it advisable to do  
23 so; transfer from a facility for juveniles in need of supervision to  
24 another such facility, a juvenile who has been adjudicated in need

1 of supervision, provided that such transfer is consistent with the  
2 treatment needs of the juvenile; transfer from a juvenile  
3 institution or facility to a state school for ~~the mentally retarded~~  
4 individuals with intellectual disabilities, any juvenile eligible  
5 for admission thereto, if the juvenile appears to be in need of the  
6 care and treatment provided at such school; transfer from a facility  
7 for delinquent or in need of supervision juveniles to an appropriate  
8 facility or to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
9 Services any juvenile found by the court to be a minor in need of  
10 treatment pursuant to the Inpatient Mental Health and Substance  
11 Abuse Treatment of Minors Act and committed to inpatient mental  
12 health or substance abuse treatment as provided by the Inpatient  
13 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act. If a  
14 transfer is made pursuant to this paragraph, the Office shall comply  
15 with the notification requirements of Section 2-2-504 of this title;

16 3. Release on parole a juvenile previously adjudicated to be  
17 delinquent, subject to terms and conditions specified by the Office,  
18 whenever the Office determines that such release will not be  
19 detrimental to society and that the juvenile is ready to be returned  
20 to the community and revoke ~~said~~ the parole for violation of the  
21 specified terms or conditions of parole pursuant to the provisions  
22 of this section and the rules and procedures established by the  
23 Office for such revocation;

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1           4. Release any juvenile from a juvenile institution for  
2 placement in a group home, transitional living program, independent  
3 living program, other community-based facility or program or out-of-  
4 home care subject to terms and conditions specified by the Office;  
5 and

6           5. Provide parole services for juveniles released on parole  
7 from juvenile institutions, and aftercare services for juveniles  
8 discharged from juvenile institutions or facilities. Persons  
9 designated as Juvenile Parole Officers by the Office shall have the  
10 power to serve process and to apprehend and detain juveniles and  
11 make arrests in accordance with the laws of the state.

12           B. The transfer of a juvenile from a nonsecure placement to a  
13 secure placement shall be subject to an administrative transfer  
14 hearing and any revocation of parole shall be subject to a parole  
15 revocation hearing.

16           1. In any administrative transfer or parole revocation  
17 proceeding, the following minimum standards shall apply:

18           a. the juvenile shall have the right to notice of the  
19 proposed transfer or parole revocation hearing and the  
20 alleged violation of administrative or parole rules on  
21 which the proposed transfer or parole revocation is  
22 based,

23           b. the juvenile shall have the right to representation by  
24 an attorney,

- 1           c.    the juvenile shall have the right to present evidence  
2                    on behalf of the juvenile, and
- 3           d.    the juvenile shall have a right to bail, except that  
4                    the right to bail shall not be construed to require  
5                    that a juvenile who is in residence in an Office-  
6                    operated institution or other facility at the time of  
7                    an alleged violation leading to an administrative  
8                    transfer proceeding be released from such institution  
9                    or facility.

10           2.    The situs of the hearings shall be the county in which the  
11           alleged violation of administrative or parole rules occurred or the  
12           county of original jurisdiction.  The judge having juvenile docket  
13           jurisdiction in the county shall aid the administrative transfer or  
14           parole revocation process of the Office by:

- 15           a.    determining eligibility for and amount of bail,  
16           b.    deciding any intermediate custody or placement issue,  
17                    and  
18           c.    if legal counsel for the juvenile has not otherwise  
19                    been obtained, appointing legal counsel for the  
20                    juvenile and fixing the amount of compensation for the  
21                    legal counsel.  The judge shall also determine if the  
22                    juvenile is eligible for free legal services.  If the  
23                    juvenile is not eligible for free legal services, the  
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1 court shall order the parents or legal guardian of the  
2 juvenile to pay for such services.

3 3. If legal counsel for the juvenile has not otherwise been  
4 obtained, the appointment of legal counsel for the juvenile, the  
5 setting of the amount of compensation for such counsel, and the  
6 determination of whether or not the juvenile is eligible for free  
7 legal services shall be provided for pursuant to the Indigent  
8 Defense Act; provided, however, in those counties subject to the  
9 provisions of Section 138.1 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
10 the legal services shall be provided by the county indigent defender  
11 as provided by law. If the juvenile is not eligible for free legal  
12 services, the court shall order the parents or legal guardian of the  
13 juvenile to pay for such services.

14 C. The Office may participate in federal programs relating to  
15 delinquent juveniles, or juveniles in need of supervision, or  
16 institutions and services for such juveniles and apply for, receive,  
17 use and administer federal funds for such purposes.

18 D. The Office shall receive interest earnings on the investment  
19 by the State Treasurer of monies, to be credited to an agency  
20 special account, for the benefit of and held in trust for persons  
21 placed in the custody of the Office or in residence at institutions  
22 or facilities maintained by the Office.

23 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 152, is  
24 amended to read as follows:



1 Section 152. All persons are capable of committing crimes,  
2 except those belonging to the following classes:

3 1. Children under the age of seven (7) years;

4 2. Children over the age of seven (7) years, but under the age  
5 of fourteen (14) years, in the absence of proof that at the time of  
6 committing the act or neglect charged against them, they knew its  
7 wrongfulness;

8 3. Persons who are impaired by reason of ~~mental retardation~~ an  
9 intellectual disability upon proof that at the time of committing  
10 the act charged against them they were incapable of knowing its  
11 wrongfulness;

12 4. Mentally ill persons, and all persons of unsound mind,  
13 including persons temporarily or partially deprived of reason, upon  
14 proof that at the time of committing the act charged against them  
15 they were incapable of knowing its wrongfulness;

16 5. Persons who committed the act, or made the omission charged,  
17 under an ignorance or mistake of fact which disproves any criminal  
18 intent. But ignorance of the law does not excuse from punishment  
19 for its violation;

20 6. Persons who committed the act charged without being  
21 conscious thereof; and

22 7. Persons who committed the act, or make the omission charged,  
23 while under involuntary subjection to the power of superiors.

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1 SECTION 17. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 643, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 643. To use or to attempt to offer to use force or  
4 violence upon or toward the person of another is not unlawful in the  
5 following cases:

6 1. When necessarily committed by a public officer in the  
7 performance of any legal duty, or by any other person assisting such  
8 officer or acting by such officer's direction;

9 2. When necessarily committed by any person in arresting one  
10 who has committed any felony, and delivering such person to a public  
11 officer competent to receive such person in custody;

12 3. When committed either by the person about to be injured, or  
13 by any other person in such person's aid or defense, in preventing  
14 or attempting to prevent an offense against such person, or any  
15 trespass or other unlawful interference with real or personal  
16 property in such person's lawful possession; provided the force or  
17 violence used is not more than sufficient to prevent such offense;

18 4. When committed by a parent or the authorized agent of any  
19 parent, or by any guardian, master or teacher, in the exercise of a  
20 lawful authority to restrain or correct such person's child, ward,  
21 apprentice or scholar, provided restraint or correction has been  
22 rendered necessary by the misconduct of such child, ward, apprentice  
23 or scholar, or by the child's refusal to obey the lawful command of  
24 such parent or authorized agent or guardian, master or teacher, and

1 the force or violence used is reasonable in manner and moderate in  
2 degree;

3 5. When committed by a carrier of passengers, or the authorized  
4 agents or servants of such carrier, or by any person assisting them  
5 at their request, in expelling from any carriage, railroad car,  
6 vessel or other vehicle, any passenger who refuses to obey a lawful  
7 and reasonable regulation prescribed for the conduct of passengers,  
8 if such vehicle has first been stopped and the force and violence  
9 used is not more than is sufficient to expel the offending  
10 passenger, with a reasonable regard to such passenger's personal  
11 safety; and

12 6. When committed by any person in preventing a person who is  
13 impaired by reason of ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual or  
14 developmental disability as defined by Section 1430.2 of Title 10 of  
15 the Oklahoma Statutes, a mentally ill person, insane person or other  
16 person of unsound mind, including persons temporarily or partially  
17 deprived of reason, from committing an act dangerous to such  
18 person's self or to another, or enforcing such restraint as is  
19 necessary for the protection of the person or for restoration to  
20 health, during such period only as shall be necessary to obtain  
21 legal authority for the restraint or custody of the person.

22 SECTION 18. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 701.10b, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 701.10b. A. For purposes of this section:

1           1. "~~Mental retardation~~ Intellectual disability" or "~~mentally~~  
2 ~~retarded~~ intellectually disabled" means significantly subaverage  
3 general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with  
4 significant limitations in adaptive functioning;

5           2. "Significant limitations in adaptive functioning" means  
6 significant limitations in two or more of the following adaptive  
7 skill areas; communication, self-care, home living, social skills,  
8 community use, self-direction, health, safety, functional academics,  
9 leisure skills and work skills; and

10           3. "Significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning"  
11 means an intelligence quotient of seventy (70) or below.

12           B. Regardless of any provision of law to the contrary, no  
13 defendant who is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled shall be  
14 sentenced to death; provided, however, the onset of the ~~mental~~  
15 ~~retardation~~ intellectual disability must have been manifested before  
16 the defendant attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

17           C. The defendant has the burden of production and persuasion to  
18 demonstrate ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability by showing  
19 significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning,  
20 significant limitations in adaptive functioning, and that the onset  
21 of the ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability was manifested  
22 before the age of eighteen (18) years. An intelligence quotient of  
23 seventy (70) or below on an individually administered,  
24 scientifically recognized standardized intelligence quotient test

1 administered by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist is evidence  
2 of significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning;  
3 however, it is not sufficient without evidence of significant  
4 limitations in adaptive functioning and without evidence of  
5 manifestation before the age of eighteen (18) years. In determining  
6 the intelligence quotient, the standard measurement of error for the  
7 test administered shall be taken into account.

8 However, in no event shall a defendant who has received an  
9 intelligence quotient of seventy-six (76) or above on any  
10 individually administered, scientifically recognized, standardized  
11 intelligence quotient test administered by a licensed psychiatrist  
12 or psychologist, be considered ~~mentally-retarded~~ intellectually  
13 disabled and, thus, shall not be subject to any proceedings under  
14 this section.

15 D. A defendant charged with capital murder who intends to raise  
16 ~~mental-retardation~~ an intellectual disability as a bar to the death  
17 sentence shall provide to the state notice of such intention at  
18 least ninety (90) days after formal arraignment or within ninety  
19 (90) days after the filing of a bill of particulars, whichever is  
20 later. The notice shall include a brief but detailed statement  
21 specifying the witnesses, nature and type of evidence sought to be  
22 introduced. The notice must demonstrate sufficient facts that  
23 demonstrate a good-faith belief as to the ~~mental-retardation~~  
24 intellectual disability of the defendant.

1 E. The district court shall conduct an evidentiary hearing to  
2 determine whether the defendant is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually  
3 disabled. If the court determines, by clear and convincing  
4 evidence, that the defendant is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually  
5 disabled, the defendant, if convicted, shall be sentenced to life  
6 imprisonment or life without parole. If the district court  
7 determines that the defendant is not ~~mentally retarded~~  
8 intellectually disabled, the capital trial of the offense may  
9 proceed. A request for a hearing under this section shall not waive  
10 entitlement by the defendant to submit the issue of ~~mental~~  
11 ~~retardation~~ an intellectual disability to a jury during the  
12 sentencing phase in a capital trial if convicted of an offense  
13 punishable by death. The court's determination on the issue of  
14 ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual disability shall not be the  
15 subject of an interlocutory appeal.

16 F. The court shall submit a special issue to the jury as to  
17 whether the defendant is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled.  
18 This special issue shall be considered and answered by the jury  
19 during the sentencing stage and prior to the determination of  
20 sentence. If the jury unanimously determines that the defendant is  
21 ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled, the defendant may only be  
22 sentenced to life imprisonment or life without parole. The  
23 defendant has the burden of production and persuasion to demonstrate  
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1 ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual disability to the jury by a  
2 preponderance of the evidence.

3 G. If the jury determines that the defendant is not ~~mentally~~  
4 ~~retarded~~ intellectually disabled or is unable to reach a unanimous  
5 decision, the jury shall proceed to determine the existence of  
6 aggravating and mitigating factors in determining whether the  
7 sentence of death shall be imposed. In those deliberations, the  
8 jury may consider any evidence of ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual  
9 disability as a mitigating factor in sentencing the defendant.

10 H. If the jury determines that the defendant is not ~~mentally~~  
11 ~~retarded~~ intellectually disabled and imposes a death sentence, the  
12 trial court shall make findings of fact and conclusions of law  
13 relating to the issue of whether the determination on the issue of  
14 ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual disability was made under the  
15 influence of passion, prejudice, or any other arbitrary factor. The  
16 findings shall be attached as an exhibit to the report of the trial  
17 judge required under Section 701.13 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma  
18 Statutes. If the trial court finds that the determination of ~~mental~~  
19 ~~retardation~~ an intellectual disability was not supported by the  
20 evidence, the issue may be raised on appeal to the Oklahoma Court of  
21 Criminal Appeals for consideration as part of its mandatory sentence  
22 review.

23 I. The standard of review for a trier of fact ~~mental~~  
24 ~~retardation~~ intellectual disability determination shall be whether,

1 after reviewing the evidence in the light most favorable to the  
2 state, any rational trier of fact could have found the defendant not  
3 ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined by this  
4 section, giving full deference to the findings of the trier of fact.

5 J. The court shall give appropriate instructions in those cases  
6 in which evidence of the ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability  
7 of the defendant requires the consideration by the jury of the  
8 provisions of this section.

9 SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 833, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 833. Every overseer of the poor, constable, keeper of a  
12 jail, or other person who confines a person who is impaired by  
13 reason of ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual or developmental  
14 disability, as defined by Section 1430.2 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma  
15 Statutes, mentally ill person, insane person or other person of  
16 unsound mind, in any other manner or in any other place than is  
17 authorized by law, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

18 SECTION 20. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1161, as  
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2017 (22 O.S. Supp.  
20 2018, Section 1161), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1161. A. 1. An act committed by a person in a state  
22 of mental illness or mental defect shall be adjudicated as guilty  
23 with mental defect or as not guilty by reason of mental illness.

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1           2. If a person is found guilty with mental defect or enters a  
2 plea of guilty with mental defect which is accepted by the court,  
3 the court at the time of sentencing shall impose any sentence that  
4 could be imposed by law upon a person who is convicted of the same  
5 offense, and the person shall serve the sentence in custody of a  
6 county jail or the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

7           3. If a person who is found guilty with mental defect is placed  
8 on probation under the jurisdiction of the sentencing court as  
9 provided by law, the court shall immediately issue an order for the  
10 person to be examined by the Department of Mental Health and  
11 Substance Abuse Services. The time and place of such examination  
12 shall be determined by the Department. Within forty-five (45) days,  
13 the Department shall provide to the court a recommendation of  
14 treatment for the person, which shall be made a condition of  
15 probation. Reports as specified by the trial judge shall be filed  
16 with the probation officer and the sentencing court. Failure to  
17 continue treatment, except by agreement with the treating agency and  
18 the sentencing court, is grounds for revocation of probation.  
19 Treatment shall be provided by an agency of the Department or, with  
20 the approval of the sentencing court and at the expense of the  
21 person, by private agencies, private physicians or other mental  
22 health personnel. A psychiatric report shall be filed with the  
23 probation officer and the sentencing court every six (6) months  
24 during the period of probation.

1           4. When in any criminal action by indictment or information,  
2 the defense of mental illness is raised, but the defendant is not  
3 acquitted on the ground that the defendant was mentally ill at the  
4 time of the commission of the crime charged, an issue concerning  
5 such defense may be raised on appeal. If the appellate court finds  
6 relief is required, the appellate court shall not have authority to  
7 modify the judgment or sentence, but will only have the authority to  
8 order a new trial or order resentencing without recommendations to  
9 sentencing.

10           5. When in any criminal action by indictment or information the  
11 defense of mental illness is interposed either singly or in  
12 conjunction with some other defense, the jury shall state in the  
13 verdict, if it is one of acquittal, whether or not the defendant is  
14 acquitted on the ground of mental illness. When the defendant is  
15 acquitted on the ground that the defendant was mentally ill at the  
16 time of the commission of the crime charged, the person shall not be  
17 discharged from custody until the court has made a determination  
18 that the person is not dangerous to the public peace and safety and  
19 is a person requiring treatment.

20           B. 1. To assist the court in its determination, the court  
21 shall immediately issue an order for the person to be examined by  
22 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at a  
23 facility the Department has designated to examine and treat forensic  
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1 individuals. Upon the issuance of the order, the sheriff shall  
2 deliver the person to the designated facility.

3 2. Within forty-five (45) days of the court entering such an  
4 order, a hearing shall be conducted by the court to ascertain  
5 whether the person is dangerous to the public peace or safety  
6 because the person is a person requiring treatment or, if not, is in  
7 need of continued supervision as a result of unresolved symptoms of  
8 mental illness or a history of treatment noncompliance. During the  
9 required period of hospitalization the Department of Mental Health  
10 and Substance Abuse Services shall have the person examined by two  
11 qualified psychiatrists or one such psychiatrist and one qualified  
12 clinical psychologist whose training and experience enable the  
13 professional to form expert opinions regarding mental illness,  
14 competency, dangerousness and criminal responsibility.

15 C. 1. Each examiner shall, within thirty-five (35) days of  
16 hospitalization, individually prepare and submit to the court, the  
17 district attorney and the trial counsel of the person a report of  
18 the psychiatric examination findings of the person and an evaluation  
19 concerning whether the person is dangerous to the public peace or  
20 safety.

21 2. If the court is dissatisfied with the reports or if a  
22 disagreement on the issue of mental illness and dangerousness exists  
23 between the two examiners, the court may designate one or more  
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1 additional examiners and have them submit their findings and  
2 evaluations as specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

3 3. a. Within ten (10) days after the reports are filed, the  
4 court must conduct a hearing to determine the present  
5 condition of the person as to the issue of whether:

6 (1) the person is dangerous to the public peace or  
7 safety because the person is a person requiring  
8 treatment, or

9 (2) if not believed to be dangerous to the public  
10 peace or safety, the person is in need of  
11 continued supervision as a result of unresolved  
12 symptoms of mental illness or a history of  
13 treatment noncompliance.

14 b. The district attorney must establish the foregoing by  
15 a preponderance of the evidence. At this hearing the  
16 person shall have the assistance of counsel and may  
17 present independent evidence.

18 D. 1. If the court finds that the person is not dangerous to  
19 the public peace or safety because the person is a person requiring  
20 treatment and is not in need of continued supervision as a result of  
21 unresolved symptoms of mental illness or a history of treatment  
22 noncompliance, it shall immediately discharge the person from  
23 hospitalization.

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1           2. If the court finds that the person is dangerous to the  
2 public peace and safety, it shall commit the person to the custody  
3 of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.  
4 The person shall then be subject to discharge pursuant to the  
5 procedure set forth in this section.

6           a. During the period of hospitalization, the Department  
7 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services may  
8 administer or cause to be administered to the person  
9 such psychiatric, medical or other therapeutic  
10 treatment as in its judgment should be administered.

11           b. The person shall be subject to discharge or  
12 conditional release pursuant to the procedures set  
13 forth in this section.

14           E. If at any time the court finds the person is not dangerous  
15 to the public peace or safety because the person is a person  
16 requiring treatment, but is in need of continued supervision as a  
17 result of unresolved symptoms of mental illness or a history of  
18 treatment noncompliance, the court may:

19           1. Discharge the person pursuant to the procedure set forth in  
20 this section;

21           2. Discharge the person, and upon the motion of the court or  
22 the district attorney commence civil involuntary commitment  
23 proceedings against the person pursuant to the provisions of Title  
24 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

1           3. Order conditional release, as set forth in subsection F of  
2 this section.

3           F. There is hereby created a Forensic Review Board to be  
4 composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor with the  
5 advice and consent of the Senate. The Board members shall serve for  
6 a term of five (5) years except that for members first appointed to  
7 the Board: one shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2008, two  
8 shall serve for a term ending December 31, 2009, two shall serve a  
9 term ending December 31, 2010, and two shall serve for a term ending  
10 December 31, 2011.

11           1. The Board shall be composed of:

- 12           a. four licensed mental health professionals with  
13           experience in treating mental illness, at least one of  
14           whom is licensed as a Doctor of Medicine, a Doctor of  
15           Osteopathy, or a licensed clinical psychologist and  
16           shall be appointed from a list of seven names  
17           submitted to the Governor by the Department of Mental  
18           Health and Substance Abuse Services,
- 19           b. one member who shall be an attorney licensed to  
20           practice in this state and shall be appointed from a  
21           list of not less than three names submitted to the  
22           Governor by the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar  
23           Association,

- 1           c.    one member who shall be a retired judge licensed to  
2                practice in this state and shall be appointed from a  
3                list of not less than three names submitted to the  
4                Governor by the Judicial Nominating Committee, and  
5           d.    one at-large member.

6 The attorney and retired judge members of the Board shall be  
7 prohibited from representing in the courts of this state persons  
8 charged with felony offenses while serving on the Board.

9           2.    The Board shall meet as necessary to determine which  
10 individuals confined with the Department of Mental Health and  
11 Substance Abuse Services are eligible for therapeutic visits,  
12 conditional release or discharge and whether the Board wishes to  
13 make such a recommendation to the court of the county where the  
14 individual was found not guilty by reason of insanity or not guilty  
15 by reason of mental illness for those persons adjudicated as such  
16 upon or after ~~the effective date of this act~~ November 1, 2016.

- 17           a.    Forensic Review Board meetings shall not be considered  
18                subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and are not  
19                open to the public. Other than the Forensic Review  
20                Board members, only the following individuals shall be  
21                permitted to attend Board meetings:

- 22                (1) the individual the Board is considering for  
23                    therapeutic visits, conditional release or  
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1 discharge, his or her treatment advocate, and  
2 members of his or her treatment team,

3 (2) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance  
4 Abuse Services or designee,

5 (3) the Advocate General for the Department of Mental  
6 Health and Substance Abuse Services or designee,

7 (4) the General Counsel for the Department of Mental  
8 Health and Substance Abuse Services or designee,

9 and

10 (5) any other persons the Board and Commissioner of  
11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services wish  
12 to be present.

13 b. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
14 Services shall provide administrative staff to the  
15 Board to take minutes of meetings and prepare  
16 necessary documents and correspondence for the Board  
17 to comply with its duties as set forth in this  
18 section. The Department of Mental Health and  
19 Substance Abuse Services shall also transport the  
20 individuals being reviewed to and from the Board  
21 meeting site.

22 c. The Board shall promulgate rules concerning the  
23 granting and structure of therapeutic visits,  
24 conditional releases and discharge.



1           d. For purposes of this subsection, "therapeutic visit"  
2           means a scheduled time period off campus which  
3           provides for progressive tests of the ability of the  
4           consumer to maintain and demonstrate coping skills.

5           3. The Forensic Review Board shall submit any recommendation  
6 for therapeutic visit, conditional release or discharge to the court  
7 and district attorney of the county where the person was found not  
8 guilty by reason of mental illness, the trial counsel of the person,  
9 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the  
10 person at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled visit.

11           a. The district attorney may file an objection to a  
12           recommendation for a therapeutic visit within ten (10)  
13           days of receipt of the notice.

14           b. If an objection is filed, the therapeutic visit is  
15           stayed until a hearing is held. The court shall hold  
16           a hearing not less than ten (10) days following an  
17           objection to determine whether the therapeutic visit  
18           is necessary for treatment, and if necessary, the  
19           nature and extent of the visit.

20           4. During the period of hospitalization the Department of  
21 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall submit an annual  
22 report on the status of the person to the court, the district  
23 attorney and the patient advocate general of the Department of  
24 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

1 G. Upon motion by the district attorney or upon a  
2 recommendation for conditional release or discharge by the Forensic  
3 Review Board, the court shall conduct a hearing to ascertain if the  
4 person is dangerous and a person requiring treatment. This hearing  
5 shall be conducted under the same procedure as the first hearing and  
6 must occur not less than ten (10) days following the motion or  
7 request by the Forensic Review Board.

8 1. If the court determines that the person continues to be  
9 dangerous to the public peace and safety because the person is a  
10 person requiring treatment, it shall order the return of the person  
11 to the hospital for additional treatment.

12 2. If the court determines that the person is not dangerous but  
13 subject to certain conditions, the court may conditionally release  
14 the person subject to the following:

- 15 a. the Forensic Review Board has made a recommendation  
16 for conditional release, including a written plan for  
17 outpatient treatment and a list of recommendations for  
18 the court to place as conditions on the release,
- 19 b. in its order of conditional release, the court shall  
20 specify conditions of release and shall direct the  
21 appropriate agencies or persons to submit annual  
22 reports regarding the compliance of the person with  
23 the conditions of release and progress in treatment,

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- 1           c.    the person must agree, in writing, that during the  
2                    period the person is granted conditional release and  
3                    is subject to the provisions thereof, there shall be  
4                    free transmission of all pertinent information,  
5                    including clinical information regarding the person,  
6                    among the Department of Mental Health and Substance  
7                    Abuse Services, the appropriate community mental  
8                    health centers and the appropriate district attorneys,  
9                    law enforcement and court personnel,
- 10           d.   the order of the court placing the person on  
11                   conditional release shall include notice that the  
12                   conditional release of the person may be revoked upon  
13                   good cause.  The person placed on conditional release  
14                   shall remain under the supervision of the Department  
15                   of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services until  
16                   the committing court enters a final discharge order.  
17                   The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
18                   Services shall assess the person placed on conditional  
19                   release annually and shall have the authority to  
20                   recommend discharge of the person to the Board, and
- 21           e.   any agency or individual involved in providing  
22                   treatment with regard to the conditional release plan  
23                   of the person may prepare and file an affidavit under  
24                   oath if the agency or individual believes that the

1 person has failed to comply with the conditions of  
2 release or that such person has progressed to the  
3 point that inpatient care is appropriate.

4 (1) Any peace officer who receives such an affidavit  
5 shall take the person into protective custody and  
6 return the person to the forensic unit of the  
7 state hospital.

8 (2) A hearing shall be conducted within three (3)  
9 days, excluding holidays and weekends, after the  
10 person is returned to the forensic unit of the  
11 state hospital to determine if the person has  
12 violated the conditions of release, or if full-  
13 time hospitalization is the least restrictive  
14 alternative consistent with the needs of the  
15 person and the need for public safety. Notice of  
16 the hearing shall be issued, at least twenty-four  
17 (24) hours before the hearing, to the hospital  
18 superintendent, the person, trial counsel for the  
19 person, and the patient advocate general of the  
20 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
21 Services. If the person requires hospitalization  
22 because of a violation of the conditions of  
23 release or because of progression to the point  
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1                   that inpatient care is appropriate, the court may  
2                   then modify the conditions of release.

3           3. If the court determines that the person is not dangerous to  
4 the public peace or safety because the person is not a person  
5 requiring treatment, it shall order that the person be discharged  
6 from the custody of the Department of Mental Health and Substance  
7 Abuse Services.

8           H. As used in this section:

9           1. "Antisocial personality disorder" means antisocial  
10 personality disorder as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical  
11 Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5), or subsequent  
12 editions;

13           2. "Court" or "sentencing court" means the court sitting in the  
14 county where the person has been found to be not guilty by reason of  
15 mental illness or guilty with mental defect;

16           3. "Dangerous" means a person who because of mental illness  
17 poses a substantial risk of physical harm in the near future to  
18 another person or persons. Dangerousness shall be determined by  
19 such factors as whether the person has placed another person or  
20 persons in a reasonable fear of violent behavior, and medication and  
21 treatment compliance;

22           4. "Guilty with mental defect" means the person committed the  
23 act and was either unable to understand the nature and consequences  
24 of his or her actions or was unable to differentiate right from

1 wrong, and has been diagnosed with antisocial personality disorder  
2 which substantially contributed to the act for which the person has  
3 been charged;

4 5. "Mental defect" means the person has been diagnosed with  
5 antisocial personality disorder which substantially contributed to  
6 the act for which the person has been charged;

7 6. "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thought,  
8 mood, perception, psychological orientation or memory that  
9 significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize  
10 reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life;

11 7. "Not guilty by reason of mental illness" means the person  
12 committed the act while mentally ill and was either unable to  
13 understand the nature and consequences of his or her actions or was  
14 unable to differentiate right from wrong, and has not been diagnosed  
15 with antisocial personality disorder which substantially contributed  
16 to the act for which the person has been charged; and

17 8. a. "Person requiring treatment" means a person who because  
18 of mental illness:

19 (1) poses a substantial risk of physical harm to self  
20 as manifested by evidence or serious threats of  
21 or attempts at suicide or other significant self-  
22 inflicted bodily harm,

23 (2) poses a substantial risk of physical harm to  
24 another person or persons as manifested by

1 evidence of violent behavior directed toward  
2 another person or persons,

3 (3) has placed another person or persons in  
4 reasonable fear of serious physical harm or  
5 violent behavior directed toward such person or  
6 persons as manifested by serious and immediate  
7 threats,

8 (4) is in a condition of severe deterioration such  
9 that, without immediate intervention, there  
10 exists a substantial risk that severe impairment  
11 or injury will result to the person, or

12 (5) poses a substantial risk of serious physical  
13 injury to self or death as manifested by evidence  
14 that the person is unable to provide for and is  
15 not providing for his or her basic physical  
16 needs.

17 b. The mental health or substance abuse history of the  
18 person may be used as part of the evidence to  
19 determine whether the person is a person requiring  
20 treatment. The mental health or substance abuse  
21 history of the person shall not be the sole basis for  
22 this determination.

1 c. Unless a person also meets the criteria established in  
2 subparagraph a of this paragraph, "person requiring  
3 treatment" shall not mean:

4 (1) a person whose mental processes have been  
5 weakened or impaired by reason of advanced years,  
6 dementia or Alzheimer's disease,

7 (2) a ~~mentally retarded or developmentally disabled~~  
8 person with intellectual or developmental  
9 disability as defined in Title 10 of the Oklahoma  
10 Statutes,

11 (3) a person with seizure disorder, or

12 (4) a person with a traumatic brain injury.

13 I. Proceedings hereunder may be held in conformance with the  
14 provisions of Section 3006 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes for  
15 allowable use of videoconferencing.

16 SECTION 21. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.3, as  
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 300, O.S.L. 2015 (22 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
18 Section 1175.3), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1175.3. A. Upon filing of an application for  
20 determination of competency, the court shall set a hearing date,  
21 which shall be as soon as practicable, but at least one (1) day  
22 after service of notice as provided by Section 1175.2 of this title.

23 B. The court shall hold a hearing on the date provided. At the  
24 hearing, the court shall examine the application for determination



1 of competency to determine if it alleges facts sufficient to raise a  
2 doubt as to the competency of the person. Any additional evidence  
3 tending to create a doubt as to the competency of the person may be  
4 presented at this hearing.

5 C. If the court finds there is no doubt as to the competency of  
6 the person, it shall order the criminal proceedings to resume.

7 D. 1. a. If the court finds there is a doubt as to the  
8 competency of the person, it shall order the person to  
9 be examined by the Department of Mental Health and  
10 Substance Abuse Services or by a qualified forensic  
11 examiner designated by the Department to perform  
12 competency examinations.

13 b. In addition, the Developmental Disabilities Services  
14 Division of the Department of Human Services shall  
15 receive written notice from the district attorney who  
16 filed the criminal petition, and be authorized by  
17 order of the court to have a psychologist or other  
18 appropriate clinician participate with professionals  
19 assigned by any other public or private agency in any  
20 competency evaluation wherein ~~mental retardation or~~  
21 ~~other~~ developmental or intellectual disability may be  
22 involved. The psychologist or clinician employed, by  
23 contract or otherwise, by the Department of Human  
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1 Services may issue a separate opinion and  
2 recommendation to the court.

3 2. The person shall be examined by a qualified forensic  
4 examiner on an outpatient basis prior to referral for any necessary  
5 inpatient evaluation, as ordered by the court. The outpatient  
6 examination may be conducted in the community, the jail or detention  
7 facility where the person is held.

8 3. If the court determines that the person whose competency is  
9 in question may be dangerous as defined in Section 1175.1 of this  
10 title, it shall order the person retained in a secure facility until  
11 the completion of the competency hearing provided in Section 1175.4  
12 of this title. If the court determines the person may be dangerous  
13 as defined in Section 1175.1 of this title because the individual is  
14 a person requiring treatment as defined in Section 1-103 of Title  
15 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, it may commit the person to the  
16 custody of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
17 Services or any other state agency or private facility for the  
18 examination required by this subsection. The person shall be  
19 required to undergo examination for a period of time sufficient for  
20 the qualified forensic examiner(s) to reach a conclusion as to  
21 competency, and the court shall impose a reasonable time limitation  
22 for such period of examination.

23 E. The qualified forensic examiner(s) shall receive  
24 instructions that they shall examine the patient to determine:

- 1        1. If the person is able to appreciate the nature of the  
2 charges made against such person;
- 3        2. If the person is able to consult with the lawyer and  
4 rationally assist in the preparation of the defense of such person;
- 5        3. If the person is unable to appreciate the nature of the  
6 charges or to consult and rationally assist in the preparation of  
7 the defense, whether the person can attain competency within a  
8 reasonable period of time as defined in Section 1175.1 of this title  
9 if provided with a course of treatment, therapy or training;
- 10       4. If the person is a person requiring treatment as defined by  
11 Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 12       5. If the person is incompetent because the person is ~~mentally~~  
13 ~~retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined in Section 1408 of Title  
14 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 15       6. If the answers to questions 4 and 5 are no, why the  
16 defendant is incompetent; and
- 17       7. If the person were released, whether such person would  
18 presently be dangerous as defined in Section 1175.1 of this title.
- 19       F. Upon completion of the competency evaluation, the Department  
20 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or qualified forensic  
21 examiner designated by the Department to perform competency  
22 examinations shall notify the court of its findings. If the person  
23 is in the custody of the Department of Mental Health and Substance  
24 Abuse Services, the person shall be returned to the court in the

1 customary manner within five (5) business days. If the person is  
2 not returned within that time, the county in which the proceedings  
3 are to be held shall pay the costs of maintaining the person at the  
4 institution or facility for the period of time the person remains at  
5 the institution or facility in excess of the five-day period.

6 SECTION 22. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.5, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 1175.5. The jury or the court, as the case may be,  
9 shall answer the following questions in determining the disposition  
10 of the person whose competency is in question:

11 1. Is the person incompetent to undergo further criminal  
12 proceedings at this time? If the answer is no, criminal proceedings  
13 shall be resumed. If the answer is yes, the following questions  
14 shall be answered.

15 2. Can the incompetency of the person be corrected within a  
16 reasonable period of time, as defined by Section 1175.1 of this  
17 title, through treatment, therapy or training?

18 3. Is the person incompetent because the person is ~~mentally~~  
19 ~~retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined in Section 1408 of Title  
20 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes?

21 4. Is the person incompetent because the person is a person  
22 requiring treatment as defined by Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the  
23 Oklahoma Statutes?

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1 5. If the answers to questions 3 and 4 are no, why is the  
2 defendant incompetent?

3 6. Is the person presently dangerous as defined in Section  
4 1175.1 of this title if released?

5 SECTION 23. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.6, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 1175.6. A. Upon the finding by the jury or the court  
8 as provided by Section 1175.5 of this title, the court shall issue  
9 the appropriate order regarding the person as follows:

10 1. If the person is found to be competent, the criminal  
11 proceedings shall be resumed;

12 2. If the person is found to be incompetent because the person  
13 is a person requiring treatment as defined in Title 43A of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes, the court shall issue the appropriate order as  
15 set forth in Section ~~6~~ 1175.6a of this ~~act~~ title;

16 3. If the person is found to be incompetent because the person  
17 is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined in Section  
18 1408 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court shall issue the  
19 appropriate order as set forth in Section ~~7~~ 1175.6b of this ~~act~~  
20 title; and

21 4. If the person is found to be incompetent for reasons other  
22 than the person is a person requiring treatment as defined by  
23 Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, or for reasons  
24 other than the person is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled

1 as defined in Section 1408 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the  
2 court shall issue the appropriate order as set forth in Section ~~8~~  
3 1175.6c of this ~~act~~ title.

4 SECTION 24. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.6a, as  
5 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 290, O.S.L. 2018 (22 O.S. Supp.  
6 2018, Section 1175.6a), is amended to read as follows:

7 Section 1175.6a. A. If the person is found to be incompetent  
8 prior to conviction because he or she is a person requiring  
9 treatment as defined in Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma  
10 Statutes, but capable of achieving competence with treatment within  
11 a reasonable period of time as defined by Section 1175.1 of this  
12 title, the court shall suspend the criminal proceedings and order  
13 the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to  
14 provide treatment, therapy or training which is calculated to allow  
15 the person to achieve competency. The Department may designate a  
16 willing entity to provide such competency restoration services on  
17 behalf of the Department, provided the entity has qualified  
18 personnel. The court shall further order the Department to take  
19 custody of the individual as soon as a forensic bed becomes  
20 available, unless both the Department and the county jail where the  
21 person is being held determine that it is in the best interests of  
22 the person to remain in the county jail. Such competency  
23 restoration services shall begin within a reasonable period of time  
24

1 after the court has determined that the person is not competent to  
2 stand trial.

3 The person shall remain in the custody of the county jail until  
4 such time as the Department has a bed available at the forensic  
5 facility unless competency restoration services are provided by a  
6 designee of the Department, in which case custody of the person  
7 shall be transferred to the Department.

8 B. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
9 or designee shall make periodic reports to the court as to the  
10 competency of the defendant.

11 C. If the person is determined by the Department of Mental  
12 Health and Substance Abuse Services or designee to have regained  
13 competency, or is no longer incompetent because the person is a  
14 person requiring treatment as defined by Title 43A of the Oklahoma  
15 Statutes, a hearing shall be scheduled within twenty (20) days:

16 1. If found competent by the court or a jury after such  
17 rehearing, criminal proceedings shall be resumed;

18 2. If the person is found to continue to be incompetent because  
19 the person is a person requiring treatment as defined in Title 43A  
20 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the person shall be returned to the  
21 custody of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
22 Services or designee;

23 3. If the person is found to be incompetent because the person  
24 is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined by Title 10

1 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the court shall issue the appropriate  
2 order as set forth in Section 1175.6b of this title;

3 4. If the person is found to be incompetent for reasons other  
4 than the person is a person requiring treatment as defined by Title  
5 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and other than the person is ~~mentally~~  
6 ~~retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined in Title 10 of the  
7 Oklahoma Statutes, and is also found to be not dangerous as defined  
8 by Section 1175.1 of this title, the court shall issue the  
9 appropriate order as set forth in Section 1175.6b of this title; or

10 5. If the person is found to be incompetent for reasons other  
11 than the person is a person requiring treatment as defined by Title  
12 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and other than the person is ~~mentally~~  
13 ~~retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined in Title 10 of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes, but is also found to be dangerous as defined by  
15 Section 1175.1 of this title, the court shall issue the appropriate  
16 order as set forth in Section 1175.6c of this title.

17 D. If the person is found to be incompetent because the person  
18 is a person requiring treatment as defined by Section 1-103 of Title  
19 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, but not capable of achieving  
20 competence with treatment within a reasonable period of time as  
21 defined by Section 1175.1 of this title, the court shall commence  
22 civil commitment proceedings pursuant to Title 43A and shall dismiss  
23 without prejudice the criminal proceeding. If the person is  
24 subsequently committed to the Department of Mental Health and



1 Substance Abuse Services pursuant to Title 43A, the statute of  
2 limitations for the criminal charges which were dismissed by the  
3 court shall be tolled until the person is discharged from the  
4 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to  
5 Section 7-101 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 SECTION 25. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.6b, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 1175.6b. A. If the person is found to be incompetent  
9 primarily because the person is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually  
10 disabled as defined in Section 1408 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma  
11 Statutes, and is also found by the court to be dangerous as defined  
12 by Section 1175.1 of this Title, the court shall suspend the  
13 criminal proceedings, and shall place the person into the custody of  
14 the Office of Public Guardian. The Office of Public Guardian shall  
15 act with all powers set forth in the Oklahoma Public Guardianship  
16 Act, and:

17 1. The Office of Public Guardian shall place any person placed  
18 in its custody under this title in a facility or residential  
19 setting, private or public, willing to accept the individual and  
20 that has a level of supervision and security that is appropriate to  
21 the needs of the person;

22 2. Such placements shall be within the sole discretion of the  
23 Office of Public Guardian;

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1           3. All such placements made by the Office of Public Guardian  
2 shall be made within six (6) months of the date of the order  
3 awarding custody to the Office of Public Guardian;

4           4. The Office of Public Guardian shall report to the court at  
5 least every six (6) months as to the status of the person including,  
6 but not limited to, the type of placement, services provided, level  
7 of supervision, the medical and psychological health of the person,  
8 whether the person would be dangerous if conditionally released into  
9 a nonsecure environment, the assistance and services that would be  
10 required for such conditional release and whether the person has  
11 achieved competency;

12           5. If the person is determined by the Office of Public Guardian  
13 to have regained competency or that conditional release to a private  
14 guardian or other caretaker is appropriate, a hearing shall be  
15 scheduled within twenty (20) days. If found competent by the court  
16 or a jury after such rehearing, criminal proceedings shall be  
17 resumed. If the court finds conditional release to be appropriate,  
18 the court shall make an appropriate order for conditional release;  
19 and

20           6. The provisions of subsections C, H and I of Section 6-101 of  
21 Title 30 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not apply to custody orders  
22 arising under this title.

23           B. If the person is found to be incompetent for reasons other  
24 than the person is a person requiring treatment as defined by

1 Section 1-103 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and is found to  
2 be not dangerous as defined by Section 1175.1 of this title, the  
3 court shall suspend the criminal proceedings and either refer the  
4 person to the Department of Human Services for consideration of  
5 voluntary assistance or conditionally release the person as set  
6 forth in this section.

7 1. For any person recommended for conditional release, a  
8 written plan for services shall be prepared by the Department of  
9 Human Services and filed with the court. In its order of  
10 conditional release, the court shall specify the conditions of  
11 release and shall direct the appropriate agencies or persons to  
12 submit annual reports regarding the person's compliance with the  
13 conditions of release and progress:

14 a. to be eligible for conditional release, the person  
15 shall agree, in writing, that during the period the  
16 person is granted conditional release and is subject  
17 to the provisions thereof, there shall be free  
18 transmission of all pertinent information, including  
19 clinical information regarding the person, among the  
20 person's treatment providers, the appropriate district  
21 attorneys, law enforcement and court personnel. To  
22 affect this agreement, the person shall execute any  
23 releases required by law to allow for the  
24 dissemination of this information,

1           b.    the court's order placing the person on conditional  
2                release shall include notice that the person's  
3                conditional release may be revoked upon good cause,  
4           c.    the district attorney, as well as any agency or  
5                individual involved in providing services with regard  
6                to the person's conditional release, may prepare and  
7                file an affidavit under oath if the district attorney,  
8                agency, or individual believes that the person has  
9                failed to comply with the conditions of release. The  
10              court shall then conduct a hearing to determine if the  
11              person has violated the conditions of release. Notice  
12              of the hearing shall be issued, at least twenty-four  
13              (24) hours before the hearing, to the Department of  
14              Human Services, the person, trial counsel for the  
15              person, and the client advocate general of the  
16              Department of Human Services. After reviewing the  
17              evidence concerning any alleged violation of the  
18              conditions of the release, the person's progress,  
19              treatment alternatives, and the need for public  
20              safety, the court may order no change to the  
21              conditions for the person's release or modify the  
22              conditions of release, and

1           d.    the person placed on conditional release shall remain  
2                    in a conditional release status until the reviewing  
3                    court issues a full release from all conditions.

4           2.  If the person is determined by the Department of Human  
5 Services to have regained competency, a hearing shall be scheduled  
6 within twenty (20) days:

7           a.  if found competent by the court or a jury after such  
8                    rehearing, criminal proceedings shall be resumed,

9           b.  if the person is found to continue to be incompetent,  
10                   the person shall be returned to either conditional  
11                   release or referred to the Department of Human  
12                   Services for consideration of voluntary assistance.

13           SECTION 26.        AMENDATORY        22 O.S. 2011, Section 1175.6c, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15           Section 1175.6c.  A.  If the person is found to be incompetent  
16 for reasons other than the person is a person requiring treatment as  
17 defined by Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, or the person is  
18 ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled as defined by Title 10 of  
19 the Oklahoma Statutes, but is also found to be dangerous as defined  
20 by Section 1175.1 of this title, the court shall suspend the  
21 criminal proceedings and refer the matter to the Department of Human  
22 Services and Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
23 Services for determination of appropriate placement.

1 B. The Department of Human Services and the Department of  
2 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall jointly establish  
3 procedures by ~~the effective date of this act~~ April 1, 2005, to  
4 determine the appropriate placement of individuals who are found to  
5 be incompetent to stand trial for reasons other than the person is a  
6 person requiring treatment as defined by Title 43A of the Oklahoma  
7 Statutes, or the person is ~~mentally retarded~~ intellectually disabled  
8 as defined by Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Both agencies  
9 shall then submit their joint recommendation to the court for  
10 determination of appropriate placement.

11 SECTION 27. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 40, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 40. A. ~~Beginning November 1, 2006, all~~ All new and  
14 revised statutes, administrative rules, local laws, ordinances,  
15 charters, or regulations promulgated or any publication published by  
16 the state or any political subdivision that refers to persons with  
17 disabilities shall:

18 1. Avoid language that:

19 a. implies that a person as a whole is disabled, such as  
20 the "mentally ill" or the "learning disabled", or

21 b. equates persons with their condition, such as  
22 "epileptics", "autistics", or "quadriplegics"; and

23 2. Replace nonrespectful language by:

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1           a.   referring to persons with disabilities as persons  
2                   first; for example, persons with disabilities, persons  
3                   with developmental disabilities, persons with mental  
4                   illness, persons with autism, or persons with ~~mental~~  
5                   ~~retardation~~ intellectual disabilities, and

6           b.   referring to terms such as "mental retardation" or  
7                   "mentally retarded" with terms such as "intellectual  
8                   disabilities" or "intellectually disabled".

9           B. Violation of this section shall not be grounds to invalidate  
10 any new or revised statutes, administrative rules, local laws,  
11 ordinances, charters, or regulations promulgated or any publication  
12 published by the state or any political subdivision; provided,  
13 however, such documents shall be changed to reflect the provisions  
14 of this section in subsequent revisions.

15           C. Nothing in this section shall constitute a requirement to  
16 change the name of any agency or program. Existing printed material  
17 may be utilized until such time as supplies are required to be  
18 replenished.

19           SECTION 28.        AMENDATORY        30 O.S. 2011, Section 1-111, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21           Section 1-111. A. As used in the Oklahoma Guardianship and  
22 Conservatorship Act:

23           1. "Abuse" means the intentional infliction of physical pain,  
24 injury, or mental anguish or the deprivation of food, clothing,

1 shelter, or medical care to an incapacitated person, partially  
2 incapacitated person, or a minor by a guardian or other person  
3 responsible for providing these services;

4 2. "Confidential information" means medical records, physical,  
5 psychological or other evaluations of a ward or subject of the  
6 proceeding, initial and subsequent guardianship plans, reports of  
7 guardians, limited guardians and conservators submitted to the court  
8 in connection with a proceeding pursuant to the provisions of the  
9 Oklahoma Guardianship and Conservatorship Act;

10 3. "Court" means a judge of the district court assigned to hear  
11 probate matters or assigned to the division of the district court  
12 designated to exercise probate jurisdiction;

13 4. "Estate" means the property of the person whose affairs are  
14 subject to a guardianship proceeding;

15 5. "Evaluation" means a professional assessment of:

- 16 a. the ability of an adult to receive and evaluate  
17 information effectively or communicate decisions,  
18 b. the impact of any impairment of these skills on the  
19 capacity of the individual to meet the essential  
20 requirements for his physical health or safety, or to  
21 manage his financial resources, and  
22 c. the services necessary to provide for the ward;

23 6. "Exploitation" means an unjust or improper use of the  
24 resources of an incapacitated person, a partially incapacitated



1 person, or a minor for the profit or advantage, pecuniary or  
2 otherwise, of a person other than an incapacitated person, a  
3 partially incapacitated person, or a minor through the use of undue  
4 influence, coercion, harassment, duress, deception, false  
5 representation, or false pretense;

6 7. A "guardian of an incapacitated person" means a person who  
7 has been appointed by a court to serve as the guardian of an  
8 incapacitated person to assure that the essential requirements for  
9 the health and safety of ~~said~~ the person are met, to manage the  
10 estate or financial resources of ~~said~~ the person, or both;

11 8. "Guardian ad litem" means, with respect to a guardianship  
12 proceeding, a person appointed by the court to assist the subject of  
13 the proceeding in making decisions with regard to the guardianship  
14 proceeding, or to make ~~said~~ the decisions when the subject of the  
15 proceeding is wholly incapable of making ~~said~~ the decisions even  
16 with assistance;

17 9. "Guardianship plan" means the plan for the care and  
18 treatment of a ward, the plan for the management of the financial  
19 resources of a ward, or both;

20 10. "Guardianship proceeding" means a proceeding for the  
21 appointment of a guardian, or for other orders regarding the  
22 condition, care or treatment or for the management of the financial  
23 resources of a ward;

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1 11. "Guardianship report" means any report required by the  
2 provisions of Sections 4-305 and 4-306 of this title;

3 12. "Incapacitated person" means a person eighteen (18) years  
4 of age or older:

5 a. who is impaired by reason of:

6 (1) mental illness as defined by Section 1-103 of  
7 Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes,

8 (2) ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual or developmental  
9 disability as defined by Section ~~1-818.2 of Title~~  
10 ~~63~~ 1430.2 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

11 (3) physical illness or disability,

12 (4) drug or alcohol dependency as defined by Section  
13 3-403 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

14 (5) such other similar cause, and

15 b. whose ability to receive and evaluate information  
16 effectively or to make and to communicate responsible  
17 decisions is impaired to such an extent that ~~said~~ the  
18 person:

19 (1) lacks the capacity to meet essential requirements  
20 for his physical health or safety, or

21 (2) is unable to manage his financial resources.

22 Whenever in the Oklahoma Statutes the term "incompetent person"  
23 appears and refers to a person who has been found by a district  
24 court to be an incompetent person because of an impairment or

1 condition described in this paragraph it shall have the same meaning  
2 as "incapacitated person" but shall not include a person who is a  
3 partially incapacitated person;

4 13. "Least restrictive dispositional alternative" means the  
5 form of assistance that least interferes with the legal ability of  
6 an incapacitated or partially incapacitated person to act in his own  
7 behalf;

8 14. "Intangible personal property" means cash, stocks and  
9 bonds, mutual funds, money market accounts, certificates of deposit,  
10 insurance contracts, commodity accounts, and other assets of a  
11 similar nature;

12 15. "Letters" means a document issued by the court subsequent  
13 to the appointment of a guardian which designates the name of the  
14 guardian and specifies the authority and powers of ~~said~~ the  
15 guardian. Such document shall be endorsed thereon with the oath of  
16 the guardian that he will perform the duties of his office as  
17 guardian according to law;

18 16. A "limited guardian" means a person appointed by the court  
19 to serve as the guardian of a partially incapacitated person and who  
20 is authorized by the court to exercise only:

21 a. some of the powers of a guardian of the person or  
22 whose power as guardian of the person extends only to  
23 certain matters pertaining to the care or control of  
24 the ward as specified by the court, or

1           b.    certain powers as guardian of the property over the  
2                estate or financial resources of the ward, or whose  
3                powers as guardian of the property extend only to some  
4                portion of the estate or financial resources of the  
5                ward;

6           17.  "Manage financial resources" or "manage the estate" means  
7           those actions necessary to obtain, administer, and dispose of real  
8           property, business property, benefits and income, and to otherwise  
9           manage personal financial or business affairs;

10          18.  "Meet the essential requirements for physical health or  
11          safety" means those actions necessary to provide the health care,  
12          food, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene and other care without  
13          which serious physical injury is more likely than not to occur;

14          19.  "Minor" means a person under eighteen (18) years of age;

15          20.  "Neglect" means the failure to provide protection for an  
16          incapacitated person, a partially incapacitated person, or a minor  
17          who is unable to protect the person's own interest; or the failure  
18          to provide adequate shelter or clothing; or the harming or  
19          threatening with harm through action or inaction by either another  
20          individual or through the person's own action or inaction because of  
21          a lack of awareness, incompetence, or incapacity, which has resulted  
22          or may result in physical or mental injury;

23          21.  "Organization" means a corporation, trust, business trust,  
24          partnership, association, or other legal entity;

1        22. "Partially incapacitated person" means an incapacitated  
2 person whose impairment is only to the extent that without the  
3 assistance of a limited guardian ~~said~~ the person is unable to:

4            a. meet the essential requirements for his physical  
5 health or safety, or

6            b. manage all of his financial resources or to engage in  
7 all of the activities necessary for the effective  
8 management of his financial resources.

9 A finding that an individual is a partially incapacitated person  
10 shall not constitute a finding of legal incompetence. A partially  
11 incapacitated person shall be legally competent in all areas other  
12 than the area or areas specified by the court in its dispositional  
13 or subsequent orders. Such person shall retain all legal rights and  
14 abilities other than those expressly limited or curtailed in ~~said~~  
15 the orders;

16        23. "Party" means the person or entity filing a petition,  
17 application, motion, acceptance of a testamentary nomination, or  
18 objection; the subject of a guardianship proceeding; and the  
19 guardian, the guardian ad litem and the conservator, if any such  
20 persons have been appointed;

21        24. "Person" means an individual;

22        25. "Property" means real property, personal property, income,  
23 any interest in such real or personal property and includes anything  
24 that may be the subject of ownership;

1       26. "Restrictions on the legal capacity of a person to act in  
2 his own behalf" means powers of an incapacitated or partially  
3 incapacitated person which are assigned to a guardian;

4       27. "Subject of the proceeding" means a minor or an adult:

5           a. who is the subject of a petition requesting the  
6           appointment of a guardian, limited guardian or special  
7           guardian,

8           b. for whom a guardian or limited guardian has been  
9           appointed by the court, or

10          c. an adult for whom a conservator is requested or  
11          appointed; and

12       28. "Surcharge" means the imposition of personal liability by a  
13 court on a guardian or limited guardian for willful or negligent  
14 misconduct in the administration of the estate or other financial  
15 resources of a ward.

16       B. 1. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean an  
17 incapacitated person, a partially incapacitated person, or a minor  
18 is abused or neglected for the sole reason that a guardian or other  
19 person responsible, in good faith, selects and depends upon  
20 spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets  
21 and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination, for  
22 the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care of the person or  
23 minor in their trust, and, in the case of an adult, in accordance

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1 with the practices of or the express consent of the incapacitated or  
2 partially incapacitated person.

3 2. Nothing contained in this subsection shall prevent a court  
4 from immediately assuming custody of a minor, pursuant to the  
5 Oklahoma Children's Code, and ordering whatever action may be  
6 necessary, including medical treatment, to protect the minor's  
7 health or welfare.

8 SECTION 29. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 1-103, as  
9 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 2017 (43A O.S. Supp.  
10 2018, Section 1-103), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1-103. When used in this title, unless otherwise  
12 expressly stated, or unless the context or subject matter otherwise  
13 requires:

14 1. "Department" means the Department of Mental Health and  
15 Substance Abuse Services;

16 2. "Chair" means the chair of the Board of Mental Health and  
17 Substance Abuse Services;

18 3. "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thought,  
19 mood, perception, psychological orientation or memory that  
20 significantly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize  
21 reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life;

22 4. "Board" means the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
23 Services as established by the Mental Health Law;

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1           5. "Commissioner" means the individual selected and appointed  
2 by the Board to serve as Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance  
3 Abuse Services;

4           6. "Indigent person" means a person who has not sufficient  
5 assets or resources to support the person and to support members of  
6 the family of the person lawfully dependent on the person for  
7 support;

8           7. "Facility" means any hospital, school, building, house or  
9 retreat, authorized by law to have the care, treatment or custody of  
10 an individual with mental illness, or drug or alcohol dependency,  
11 gambling addiction, eating disorders, an opioid substitution  
12 treatment program, including, but not limited to, public or private  
13 hospitals, community mental health centers, clinics, satellites or  
14 facilities; provided, that facility shall not mean a child guidance  
15 center operated by the State Department of Health;

16           8. "Consumer" means a person under care or treatment in a  
17 facility pursuant to the Mental Health Law, or in an outpatient  
18 status;

19           9. "Care and treatment" means medical care and behavioral  
20 health services, as well as food, clothing and maintenance,  
21 furnished to a person;

22           10. Whenever in this law or in any other law, or in any rule or  
23 order made or promulgated pursuant to this law or to any other law,  
24 or in the printed forms prepared for the admission of consumers or



1 for statistical reports, the words "insane", "insanity", "lunacy",  
2 "mentally sick", "mental disease" or "mental disorder" are used,  
3 such terms shall have equal significance to the words "mental  
4 illness";

5 11. "Licensed mental health professional" means:

- 6 a. a psychiatrist who is a diplomate of the American  
7 Board of Psychiatry and Neurology,
- 8 b. a psychiatrist who is a diplomate of the American  
9 Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry,
- 10 c. a physician licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma  
11 Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and  
12 Supervision Act or the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine  
13 Act,
- 14 d. a clinical psychologist who is duly licensed to  
15 practice by the State Board of Examiners of  
16 Psychologists,
- 17 e. a professional counselor licensed pursuant to the  
18 Licensed Professional Counselors Act,
- 19 f. a person licensed as a clinical social worker pursuant  
20 to the provisions of the Social Worker's Licensing  
21 Act,
- 22 g. a licensed marital and family therapist as defined in  
23 the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act,  
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- 1           h.    a licensed behavioral practitioner as defined in the
- 2                    Licensed Behavioral Practitioner Act,
- 3           i.    an advanced practice nurse as defined in the Oklahoma
- 4                    Nursing Practice Act,
- 5           j.    a physician's assistant who is licensed in good
- 6                    standing in this state, or
- 7           k.    a licensed drug and alcohol counselor/mental health
- 8                    (LADC/MH) as defined in the Licensed Alcohol and Drug
- 9                    Counselors Act;

10           12. "Mentally incompetent person" means any person who has been  
11 adjudicated mentally or legally incompetent by an appropriate  
12 district court;

13           13. a. "Person requiring treatment" means a person who  
14                    because of his or her mental illness or drug or  
15                    alcohol dependency:

16                    (1) poses a substantial risk of immediate physical  
17                            harm to self as manifested by evidence or serious  
18                            threats of or attempts at suicide or other  
19                            significant self-inflicted bodily harm,

20                    (2) poses a substantial risk of immediate physical  
21                            harm to another person or persons as manifested  
22                            by evidence of violent behavior directed toward  
23                            another person or persons,

1 (3) has placed another person or persons in a  
2 reasonable fear of violent behavior directed  
3 towards such person or persons or serious  
4 physical harm to them as manifested by serious  
5 and immediate threats,

6 (4) is in a condition of severe deterioration such  
7 that, without immediate intervention, there  
8 exists a substantial risk that severe impairment  
9 or injury will result to the person, or

10 (5) poses a substantial risk of immediate serious  
11 physical injury to self or death as manifested by  
12 evidence that the person is unable to provide for  
13 and is not providing for his or her basic  
14 physical needs.

15 b. The mental health or substance abuse history of the  
16 person may be used as part of the evidence to  
17 determine whether the person is a person requiring  
18 treatment or an assisted outpatient. The mental  
19 health or substance abuse history of the person shall  
20 not be the sole basis for this determination.

21 c. Unless a person also meets the criteria established in  
22 subparagraph a or b of this paragraph, person  
23 requiring treatment or an assisted outpatient shall  
24 not mean:

- 1 (1) a person whose mental processes have been  
2 weakened or impaired by reason of advanced years,  
3 dementia, or Alzheimer's disease,  
4 (2) a ~~mentally retarded or developmentally disabled~~  
5 person with intellectual or developmental  
6 disability as defined in Title 10 of the Oklahoma  
7 Statutes,  
8 (3) a person with seizure disorder,  
9 (4) a person with a traumatic brain injury, or  
10 (5) a person who is homeless.

11 d. A person who meets the criteria established in this  
12 section, but who is medically unstable, or the  
13 facility holding the person is unable to treat the  
14 additional medical conditions of that person should be  
15 discharged and transported in accordance with Section  
16 1-110 of this title;

17 14. "Petitioner" means a person who files a petition alleging  
18 that an individual is a person requiring treatment or an assisted  
19 outpatient;

20 15. "Executive director" means the person in charge of a  
21 facility as defined in this section;

22 16. "Private hospital or facility" means any general hospital  
23 maintaining a neuro-psychiatric unit or ward, or any private  
24 hospital or facility for care and treatment of a person having a

1 mental illness, which is not supported by the state or federal  
2 government. The term "private hospital" or "facility" shall not  
3 include nursing homes or other facilities maintained primarily for  
4 the care of elderly and disabled persons;

5 17. "Individualized treatment plan" means a proposal developed  
6 during the stay of an individual in a facility, under the provisions  
7 of this title, which is specifically tailored to the treatment needs  
8 of the individual. Each plan shall clearly include the following:

- 9 a. a statement of treatment goals or objectives, based  
10 upon and related to a clinical evaluation, which can  
11 be reasonably achieved within a designated time  
12 interval,
- 13 b. treatment methods and procedures to be used to obtain  
14 these goals, which methods and procedures are related  
15 to each of these goals and which include specific  
16 prognosis for achieving each of these goals,
- 17 c. identification of the types of professional personnel  
18 who will carry out the treatment procedures, including  
19 appropriate medical or other professional involvement  
20 by a physician or other health professional properly  
21 qualified to fulfill legal requirements mandated under  
22 state and federal law,

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- 1           d. documentation of involvement by the individual  
2           receiving treatment and, if applicable, the accordance  
3           of the individual with the treatment plan, and  
4           e. a statement attesting that the executive director of  
5           the facility or clinical director has made a  
6           reasonable effort to meet the plan's individualized  
7           treatment goals in the least restrictive environment  
8           possible closest to the home community of the  
9           individual;

10         18. "Telemedicine" means the practice of health care delivery,  
11 diagnosis, consultation, evaluation, treatment, transfer of medical  
12 data, or exchange of medical education information by means of  
13 audio, video, or data communications. Telemedicine uses audio and  
14 video multimedia telecommunication equipment which permits two-way  
15 real-time communication between a health care practitioner and a  
16 patient who are not in the same physical location. Telemedicine  
17 shall not include consultation provided by telephone or facsimile  
18 machine;

19         19. "Recovery and recovery support" means nonclinical services  
20 that assist individuals and families to recover from alcohol or drug  
21 problems. They include social support, linkage to and coordination  
22 among allied service providers, including but not limited to  
23 transportation to and from treatment or employment, employment  
24 services and job training, case management and individual services

1 coordination, life skills education, relapse prevention, housing  
2 assistance, child care, and substance abuse education;

3 20. "Assisted outpatient" means a person who:

- 4 a. is either currently under the care of a facility  
5 certified by the Department of Mental Health and  
6 Substance Abuse Services as a Community Mental Health  
7 Center, or is being discharged from the custody of the  
8 Oklahoma Department of Corrections, or is being  
9 discharged from a residential placement by the Office  
10 of Juvenile Affairs,
- 11 b. is suffering from a mental illness,
- 12 c. is unlikely to survive safely in the community without  
13 supervision, based on a clinical determination,
- 14 d. has a history of lack of compliance with treatment for  
15 mental illness that has:
  - 16 (1) prior to the filing of a petition, at least twice  
17 within the last thirty-six (36) months been a  
18 significant factor in necessitating  
19 hospitalization or treatment in a hospital or  
20 residential facility, or receipt of services in a  
21 forensic or other mental health unit of a  
22 correctional facility, or a specialized treatment  
23 plan for treatment of mental illness in a secure  
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1 juvenile facility or placement in a specialized  
2 residential program for juveniles, or

3 (2) prior to the filing of the petition, resulted in  
4 one or more acts of serious violent behavior  
5 toward self or others or threats of, or attempts  
6 at, serious physical harm to self or others  
7 within the last twenty-four (24) months,

8 e. is, as a result of his or her mental illness, unlikely  
9 to voluntarily participate in outpatient treatment  
10 that would enable him or her to live safely in the  
11 community,

12 f. in view of his or her treatment history and current  
13 behavior, is in need of assisted outpatient treatment  
14 in order to prevent a relapse or deterioration which  
15 would be likely to result in serious harm to the  
16 person or persons as defined in this section, and

17 g. is likely to benefit from assisted outpatient  
18 treatment; and

19 21. "Assisted outpatient treatment" means outpatient services  
20 which have been ordered by the court pursuant to a treatment plan  
21 approved by the court to treat an assisted outpatient's mental  
22 illness and to assist the person in living and functioning in the  
23 community, or to attempt to prevent a relapse or deterioration that  
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1 may reasonably be predicted to result in suicide or the need for  
2 hospitalization.

3 SECTION 30. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 10-103, as  
4 amended by Section 1, Chapter 39, O.S.L. 2016 (43A O.S. Supp. 2018,  
5 Section 10-103), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 10-103. A. When used in the Protective Services for  
7 Vulnerable Adults Act:

8 1. "Protective services" means services which are necessary to  
9 aid a vulnerable adult in meeting the essential requirements for  
10 mental or physical health and safety that the vulnerable adult is  
11 unable to provide or obtain without assistance. The term  
12 "protective services" includes but is not limited to services  
13 provided to or obtained for such person in order to prevent or  
14 remedy the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of such person;

15 2. "Services which are necessary to aid an individual to meet  
16 essential requirements for mental or physical health and safety"  
17 include, but shall not be limited to:

- 18 a. the identification of vulnerable adults in need of the  
19 services,
- 20 b. the provision of medical care for physical and mental  
21 health needs,
- 22 c. the provision of social services assistance in  
23 personal hygiene, food, clothing, and adequately  
24 heated and ventilated shelter,

- d. protection from health and safety hazards,
- e. protection from physical mistreatment,
- f. guardianship referral,
- g. outreach programs, and
- h. the transportation necessary to secure any of such services.

The term shall not include taking the person into physical custody without the consent of the person except as provided for in Sections 10-107 and 10-108 of this title, and the evaluation, monitoring, and provision of protective placements;

3. "Meet essential requirements for mental or physical health and safety" means those actions necessary to provide the health care, food, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene and other care without which physical injury or illness to the vulnerable adult is likely to occur;

4. "Incapacitated person" means:

a. any person eighteen (18) years of age or older:

(1) who is impaired by reason of mental or physical illness or disability, dementia or related disease, ~~mental retardation~~, developmental or intellectual disability or other cause, and

(2) whose ability to receive and evaluate information effectively or to make and to communicate responsible decisions is impaired to such an

1 extent that such person lacks the capacity to  
2 manage his or her financial resources or to meet  
3 essential requirements for his or her mental or  
4 physical health or safety without assistance from  
5 others, or

- 6 b. a person for whom a guardian, limited guardian, or  
7 conservator has been appointed pursuant to the  
8 Oklahoma Guardianship and Conservatorship Act;

9 5. "Vulnerable adult" means an individual who is an  
10 incapacitated person or who, because of physical or mental  
11 disability, including persons with Alzheimer's disease or other  
12 dementias, incapacity, or other disability, is substantially  
13 impaired in the ability to provide adequately for the care or  
14 custody of himself or herself, or is unable to manage his or her  
15 property and financial affairs effectively, or to meet essential  
16 requirements for mental or physical health or safety, or to protect  
17 himself or herself from abuse, verbal abuse, neglect, or  
18 exploitation without assistance from others;

19 6. "Caretaker" means a person who has:

- 20 a. the responsibility for the care of a vulnerable adult  
21 or the financial management of the resources of a  
22 vulnerable adult as a result of a family relationship,  
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1           b.    assumed the responsibility for the care of a  
2                   vulnerable adult voluntarily, by contract, or as a  
3                   result of the ties of friendship, or

4           c.    been appointed a guardian, limited guardian, or  
5                   conservator pursuant to the Oklahoma Guardianship and  
6                   Conservatorship Act;

7       7.    "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

8       8.    "Abuse" means causing or permitting:

9           a.    the infliction of physical pain, injury, sexual abuse,  
10                   sexual exploitation, unreasonable restraint or  
11                   confinement, or mental anguish, or

12           b.   the deprivation of nutrition, clothing, shelter,  
13                   health care, or other care or services without which  
14                   serious physical or mental injury is likely to occur  
15                   to a vulnerable adult by a caretaker or other person  
16                   providing services to a vulnerable adult;

17       9.    "Exploitation" or "exploit" means an unjust or improper use  
18 of the resources of a vulnerable adult for the profit or advantage,  
19 pecuniary or otherwise, of a person other than the vulnerable adult  
20 through the use of undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress,  
21 deception, false representation or false pretense;

22       10.   "Financial neglect" means repeated instances by a  
23 caretaker, or other person, who has assumed the role of financial  
24 management, of failure to use the resources available to restore or

1 maintain the health and physical well-being of a vulnerable adult,  
2 including, but not limited to:

- 3 a. squandering or negligently mismanaging the money,  
4 property, or accounts of a vulnerable adult,
- 5 b. refusing to pay for necessities or utilities in a  
6 timely manner, or
- 7 c. providing substandard care to a vulnerable adult  
8 despite the availability of adequate financial  
9 resources;

10 11. "Neglect" means:

- 11 a. the failure to provide protection for a vulnerable  
12 adult who is unable to protect his or her own  
13 interest,
- 14 b. the failure to provide a vulnerable adult with  
15 adequate shelter, nutrition, health care, or clothing,  
16 or
- 17 c. negligent acts or omissions that result in harm or the  
18 unreasonable risk of harm to a vulnerable adult  
19 through the action, inaction, or lack of supervision  
20 by a caretaker providing direct services;

21 12. "Sexual abuse" means:

- 22 a. oral, anal, or vaginal penetration of a vulnerable  
23 adult by or through the union with the sexual organ of  
24 a caretaker or other person providing services to the

1 vulnerable adult, or the anal or vaginal penetration  
2 of a vulnerable adult by a caretaker or other person  
3 providing services to the vulnerable adult with any  
4 other object, or

5 b. for the purpose of sexual gratification, the touching,  
6 feeling or observation of the body or private parts of  
7 a vulnerable adult by a caretaker or other person  
8 providing services to the vulnerable adult, or

9 c. indecent exposure by a caretaker or other person  
10 providing services to the vulnerable adult;

11 13. "Indecent exposure" means forcing or requiring a vulnerable  
12 adult to:

13 a. look upon the body or private parts of another person  
14 or upon sexual acts performed in the presence of the  
15 vulnerable adult, or

16 b. touch or feel the body or private parts of another;

17 14. "Self-neglect" means the action or inaction of a vulnerable  
18 adult which causes that person to fail to meet the essential  
19 requirements for physical or mental health and safety due to the  
20 vulnerable adult's lack of awareness, incompetence or incapacity;

21 15. "Sexual exploitation" includes, but is not limited to, a  
22 caretaker's causing, allowing, permitting or encouraging a  
23 vulnerable adult to engage in prostitution or in the lewd, obscene,  
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1 or pornographic photographing, filming or depiction of the  
2 vulnerable adult as those acts are defined by state law; and

3 16. "Verbal abuse" means the use of words, sounds, or other  
4 communication including, but not limited to, gestures, actions or  
5 behaviors, by a caretaker or other person providing services to a  
6 vulnerable adult that are likely to cause a reasonable person to  
7 experience humiliation, intimidation, fear, shame or degradation.

8 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean a  
9 vulnerable adult is abused or neglected for the sole reason the  
10 vulnerable adult, in good faith, selects and depends upon spiritual  
11 means alone through prayer, in accordance with the practices of a  
12 recognized religious method of healing, for the treatment or cure of  
13 disease or remedial care, or a caretaker or other person  
14 responsible, in good faith, is furnishing such vulnerable adult  
15 spiritual means alone through prayer, in accordance with the tenets  
16 and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination, for  
17 the treatment or cure of disease or remedial care in accordance with  
18 the practices of or express consent of the vulnerable adult.

19 SECTION 31. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 10-104, as  
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 2016 (43A O.S. Supp. 2018,  
21 Section 10-104), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 10-104. A. Any person having reasonable cause to  
23 believe that a vulnerable adult is suffering from abuse, neglect, or  
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1 exploitation shall make a report as soon as the person is aware of  
2 the situation to:

- 3 1. The Department of Human Services; or
- 4 2. The municipal police department or sheriff's office in the  
5 county in which the suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation  
6 occurred.

7 B. Persons required to make reports pursuant to this section  
8 shall include, but not be limited to:

- 9 1. Physicians;
- 10 2. Operators of emergency response vehicles and other medical  
11 professionals;
- 12 3. Social workers and mental health professionals;
- 13 4. Law enforcement officials;
- 14 5. Staff of domestic violence programs;
- 15 6. Long-term care facility personnel, including staff of  
16 nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for ~~persons~~  
17 individuals with ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disabilities  
18 (ICFs/IID), assisted living facilities, and residential care  
19 facilities;
- 20 7. Other health care professionals;
- 21 8. Persons entering into transactions with a caretaker or other  
22 person who has assumed the role of financial management for a  
23 vulnerable adult;

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1           9. Staff of residential care facilities, group homes, or  
2 employment settings for individuals with ~~developmental~~ intellectual  
3 disabilities;

4           10. Job coaches, community service workers, and personal care  
5 assistants; and

6           11. Municipal employees.

7           C. 1. If the report is not made in writing in the first  
8 instance, as soon as possible after it is initially made by  
9 telephone or otherwise, the report shall be reduced to writing by  
10 the Department of Human Services, in accordance with rules  
11 promulgated by the ~~Commission for~~ Director of Human Services, or the  
12 local municipal police or sheriff's department whichever entity  
13 received the initial report. The report shall contain the following  
14 information:

- 15           a. the name and address of the vulnerable adult,
- 16           b. the name and address of the caretaker, guardian, or  
17           person having power of attorney over the vulnerable  
18           adult's resources if any,
- 19           c. a description of the current location of the  
20           vulnerable adult,
- 21           d. a description of the current condition of the  
22           vulnerable adult, and

1 e. a description of the situation which may constitute  
2 abuse, neglect or exploitation of the vulnerable  
3 adult.

4 2. If federal law specifically prohibits the disclosure of any  
5 of the information required by this subsection, that information may  
6 be excluded from the report.

7 D. If the initial report is made to the local municipal police  
8 department or sheriff's office, such police department or sheriff's  
9 office shall notify, as soon as possible, the Department of Human  
10 Services of its investigation.

11 E. Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to promptly  
12 report any abuse, neglect, or exploitation as required by the  
13 provisions of subsection A of this section, upon conviction, shall  
14 be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county  
15 jail for a term not exceeding one (1) year or by a fine of not more  
16 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and  
17 imprisonment.

18 F. 1. Any person participating in good faith and exercising  
19 due care in the making of a report pursuant to the provisions of  
20 this section shall have immunity from any civil or criminal  
21 liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. Any such  
22 participant shall have the same immunity with respect to  
23 participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report.  
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1           2. The same immunity from any civil or criminal liability shall  
2 also be extended to previous employers of a person employed to be  
3 responsible for the care of a vulnerable adult, who in good faith  
4 report to new employers or prospective employers of such caretaker  
5 any misconduct of the caretaker including, but not limited to,  
6 abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, whether  
7 confirmed or not.

8           G. Any person who willfully or recklessly makes a false report  
9 shall be civilly liable for any actual damages suffered by the  
10 person being reported and for any punitive damages set by the court  
11 or jury which may be allowed in the discretion of the court or jury.

12           H. 1. Every physician or other health care professional making  
13 a report concerning the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a  
14 vulnerable adult, as required by this section, or examining a  
15 vulnerable adult to determine the likelihood of abuse, neglect or  
16 exploitation, and every hospital in which a vulnerable adult is  
17 examined or treated for abuse, neglect or exploitation shall  
18 disclose necessary health information related to the case and  
19 provide, upon request by either the Department of Human Services or  
20 the local municipal police or sheriff's department receiving the  
21 initial report, copies of the results or the records of the  
22 examination on which the report was based, and any other clinical  
23 notes, x-rays or photographs and other health information which is  
24 related to the case if:

- 1 a. the vulnerable adult agrees to the disclosure of the  
2 health information, or
- 3 b. the individual is unable to agree to the disclosure of  
4 health information because of incapacity; and
- 5 (1) the requesting party represents that the health  
6 information for which disclosure is sought is not  
7 intended to be used against the vulnerable adult  
8 in a criminal prosecution but to provide  
9 protective services pursuant to the Protective  
10 Services for Vulnerable Adults Act,
- 11 (2) the disclosure of the information is necessary to  
12 conduct an investigation into the alleged abuse,  
13 neglect or exploitation of the vulnerable adult  
14 subject to the investigation, and
- 15 (3) immediate enforcement activity that depends upon  
16 the disclosure:
- 17 (a) is necessary to protect the health, safety  
18 and welfare of the vulnerable adult because  
19 of incapacity, or
- 20 (b) would be materially and adversely affected  
21 by waiting until the vulnerable adult is  
22 able to agree to the disclosure.
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1           2. If federal law specifically prohibits the disclosure of any  
2 of the information required by this subsection, that information may  
3 be excluded from the disclosed health information.

4           I. After investigating the report, either the county office of  
5 the Department of Human Services or the municipal police department  
6 or sheriff's office, as appropriate, shall forward its findings to  
7 the office of the district attorney in the county in which the  
8 suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred. Unsubstantiated  
9 findings shall be labeled as such before transmission to the office  
10 of the district attorney. Findings of self-neglect shall not be  
11 forwarded to the office of the district attorney unless similar  
12 findings were reported within six (6) months prior.

13           J. Any state or county medical examiner or physician who has  
14 reasonable cause to suspect that the death of any vulnerable adult  
15 may be the result of abuse or neglect as defined by Section 10-103  
16 of this title shall make a report to the district attorney or other  
17 law enforcement official of the county in which the death occurred.  
18 The report shall include the name of the person making the report,  
19 the name of the deceased person, the facts or other evidence  
20 supporting such suspicion, and any other health information that may  
21 be of assistance to the district attorney in conducting an  
22 investigation into the matter.

23           K. No employer shall terminate the employment, prevent or  
24 impair the practice or occupation of or impose any other sanction on

1 any employee solely for the reason that the employee made or caused  
2 to be made a report or cooperated with an investigation pursuant to  
3 the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act. A court, in  
4 addition to other damages and remedies, may assess reasonable  
5 attorney fees against an employer who has been found to have  
6 violated the provisions of this subsection.

7 SECTION 32. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 1104.1, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1104.1. A. Twenty-three Dollars (\$23.00) of the fee  
10 authorized by Section 1135.5 of this title for university or college  
11 supporter license plates which are received each year by the  
12 Oklahoma Tax Commission or its motor license agents shall be  
13 apportioned as follows:

14 1. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee for each license plate  
15 designating a particular state university or college shall be  
16 apportioned to the particular state university or college so  
17 designated on the license plate. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) of the fee  
18 for each license plate designating a particular private university  
19 or college shall be apportioned to the particular private university  
20 or college so designated on the license plate and may be used by the  
21 private university or college as compensation for use of the  
22 symbols, words, or letters authorized by the private university or  
23 college for use on the license plate; and

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1           2. Three Dollars (\$3.00) shall be deposited to the Adaptive  
2 Grant Program for Oklahomans with ~~Mental Retardation~~ Intellectual  
3 Disabilities Revolving Fund created by this section to be used for  
4 educational purposes.

5           B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
6 fund for the Department of Human Services to be designated the  
7 "Adaptive Grant Program for Oklahomans with ~~Mental Retardation~~  
8 Intellectual Disabilities Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
9 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
10 consist of all funds deposited therein pursuant to the provisions of  
11 paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section. All monies accruing to  
12 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted  
13 and expended by the Department of Human Services for the  
14 administration of the Adaptive Grant Program for Oklahomans with  
15 ~~Mental Retardation~~ Intellectual Disabilities.

16           C. The Director of the Department of Human Services is hereby  
17 directed to promulgate rules to create the Adaptive Grant Program  
18 for Oklahomans with ~~Mental Retardation~~ Intellectual Disabilities  
19 Program to provide financial assistance in adaptation of  
20 furnishings, fixtures, vehicles, equipment or structures in order to  
21 meet any special needs of Oklahomans with ~~mental retardation~~  
22 intellectual disabilities; provided, recipients of grants awarded  
23 pursuant to the program shall be limited to those programs, projects  
24 or persons not otherwise qualifying for state or federal funding.

1 The Department of Human Services is authorized to contract with a  
2 statewide private, nonprofit foundation certified to be a 501(c)(3)  
3 organization by the Internal Revenue Service for administration of  
4 the program.

5 D. The ~~Department~~ Director of Human Services shall prepare an  
6 annual report on the Program. Such report shall be submitted to the  
7 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of  
8 the House of Representatives.

9 SECTION 33. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 198.11c, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 198.11c. A. This act shall be known and may be cited  
12 as the "Opportunities for Independent Living Act".

13 B. The Legislature finds that:

14 1. In the landmark *Olmstead v. L.C.* decision, the Supreme Court  
15 interpreted Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act to  
16 require states to administer programs in the most integrated setting  
17 appropriate to meet the needs of qualified persons with  
18 disabilities;

19 2. Medicaid is presently structured to provide care to persons  
20 with disabilities in institutional settings such as skilled nursing  
21 facilities and private intermediate care facilities for ~~persons~~  
22 individuals with ~~mental retardation (ICFs-MR)~~ intellectual  
23 disabilities (ICFs/IID), and in community-based settings such as  
24 group homes and waiver programs; and



1           3. Persons with disabilities living in institutional settings  
2 must meet certain low-income standards to become eligible for  
3 institutional care. Therefore, when a person with disabilities  
4 wishes to move into the community, he or she has little or no  
5 resources to pay for rent and utility deposits or purchase basic  
6 household items.

7           C. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a three-  
8 year pilot program that:

9           1. Is consistent with and implements the Olmstead Decision;

10          2. Develops eligibility criteria for the pilot program;

11          3. In coordination with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and  
12 the Department of Human Services Aging Division, utilizes the  
13 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Minimum Data Set (MDS)  
14 information to identify thirty people who have requested to receive  
15 their services in a community setting;

16          4. Identifies barriers to moving into the community;

17          5. Works with nurses and case managers to coordinate services  
18 for eligible participants within the pilot program to ensure the  
19 health and safety of each consumer;

20          6. Establishes an infrastructure to allow for an effective  
21 system that allows money to follow the person from Medicaid programs  
22 into the community settings;

23          7. Increases the availability of safe, affordable and  
24 accessible housing;

- 1 8. Establishes a presence within local hospitals to reduce the
- 2 number of inappropriate placements within institutional settings;
- 3 9. Develops benefits counseling options; and
- 4 10. Allows qualified persons with disabilities the opportunity
- 5 to transition from institutions into the community.

6 D. Subject to the availability of funding, the Oklahoma Health  
7 Care Authority shall establish and maintain a three-year pilot  
8 program to assist qualified individuals with disabilities living in  
9 institutions to transition into the community. The Authority shall  
10 act as the lead agency and is authorized to consult and cooperate  
11 with the Department of Human Services as necessary to carry out the  
12 provisions of ~~this act~~ the Opportunities for Independent Living Act.

13 E. The Authority shall enter into contracts to carry out the  
14 provisions of ~~this act~~ the Opportunities for Independent Living Act.  
15 Such contracted entities shall be consumer-controlled, non-  
16 residence-based, community-based, nonprofit organizations with  
17 experience in transitioning persons with disabilities into community  
18 settings.

- 19 F. The Authority through its duly contracted entities shall:
- 20 1. Utilize MDS data to identify participants who prefer to
  - 21 receive services within the community;
  - 22 2. Develop eligibility criteria for pilot program participants;
  - 23 3. Provide ongoing assistance to further develop assessment
  - 24 criteria for pilot program participants;

1 4. Work in conjunction with health care providers and case  
2 managers to coordinate services for pilot program participants;

3 5. Establish an effective system that allows money to follow  
4 pilot program participants from the institutional setting to the  
5 community;

6 6. Increase pilot program participant access to safe and  
7 affordable housing;

8 7. Offer follow-up services such as training, technical  
9 assistance and support for pilot program participants; and

10 8. Develop curriculum and marketing materials to train future  
11 service providers.

12 G. The Authority through its duly contracted entities is  
13 authorized to use available funding to assist eligible persons under  
14 ~~this act~~ the Opportunities for Independent Living Act to:

- 15 1. Pay rent deposits;
- 16 2. Pay utility deposits;
- 17 3. Purchase initial household supplies;
- 18 4. Purchase basic initial household appliances; and
- 19 5. Purchase initial furniture and pay moving expenses.

20 H. The Authority shall promulgate rules as necessary to carry  
21 out the provisions of ~~this act~~ the Opportunities for Independent  
22 Living Act. Such rules shall include but are not limited to:

- 23 1. Eligibility criteria for services;

1        2. Assessment protocols to identify persons in need of  
2 services; and

3        3. Funding to assist eligible persons.

4        I. The Authority and the Department of Human Services shall  
5 evaluate the implementation of the pilot program and annually make  
6 recommendations to the Legislature regarding its effectiveness.

7        SECTION 34.        AMENDATORY        56 O.S. 2011, Section 602, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9        Section 602. As used in the Oklahoma Family Support Act:

10        1. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

11        2. "Family" means a family member and his or her parent or  
12 legal guardian; and

13        3. "Family member" means a person less than eighteen (18) years  
14 of age with ~~mental retardation or other~~ developmental or  
15 intellectual disability as defined in Section 1408 of Title 10 of  
16 the Oklahoma Statutes.

17        SECTION 35.        AMENDATORY        56 O.S. 2011, Section 1017.2, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19        Section 1017.2. The Legislature finds that:

20        1. Oklahoma has a successful home- and community-based services  
21 program known as the ADvantage Waiver Program for the frail, elderly  
22 and adults with physical disabilities age twenty-one (21) and over  
23 who do not have ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual disability nor a  
24 cognitive impairment. The ADvantage Waiver Program provides the

1 following services: case management, transitional case management,  
2 personal care, advanced supportive/restorative, skilled nursing -  
3 home health setting, RN assessment evaluation, occupational therapy,  
4 physical therapy, respiratory therapy, speech/language therapy,  
5 adult day health, personal care in adult day health, therapy in  
6 adult day health, home-delivered meals, NF extended respite, in-home  
7 respite, in-home extended respite, environmental modifications,  
8 hospice, consumer-directed personal care assistant services and  
9 supports, assisted living, and specialized medical equipment and  
10 supplies;

11 2. Many Oklahomans who could safely stay at home with cost-  
12 effective home- and community-based services go into nursing  
13 facilities the day assistance is needed because their eligibility  
14 for nursing facility supports is "presumed" by the nursing facility,  
15 while eligibility for home and community supports can take weeks or  
16 months. If their circumstances are such that they need immediate or  
17 urgent care, they lose their choice to live and receive their  
18 services at home. Once they are in a nursing facility, they may  
19 lose their home or the supports they need to stay at home; and

20 3. The cost of serving Oklahomans who are in nursing facilities  
21 when they could be living and receiving services at home is  
22 significantly higher than the cost of serving them with home- and  
23 community-based services.

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1 SECTION 36. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1017.3, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1017.3. To be eligible for the ADvantage Waiver  
4 Program, a person shall:

5 1. Qualify financially for Medicaid;

6 2. Be sixty-five (65) years of age or older or be a physically  
7 disabled adult as determined by the Social Security Administration,  
8 age twenty-one (21) years or older without ~~mental retardation~~ an  
9 intellectual disability or cognitive impairment;

10 3. Be determined to meet the nursing facility institutional  
11 level of care by the Aging Services Division of the Department of  
12 Human Services;

13 4. Reside in his or her own home or a family member's home; and

14 5. Have needs that can be safely met with waiver services and  
15 family or community supports.

16 SECTION 37. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1025.1, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1025.1. For the purposes of this chapter:

19 1. "Bureau" means the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;

20 2. ~~"Commission" means the Commission for Human Services;~~

21 ~~3.~~ "Community services provider" means a community-based  
22 program, corporation, or individual who contracts with, or is  
23 licensed or funded by, the Department of Human Services to provide  
24 residential or vocational services to persons who are elderly or

1 persons with ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual or developmental  
2 disabilities, or contracts with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority  
3 to provide services to individuals with ~~mental retardation~~  
4 intellectual disabilities through a Home and Community-Based Waiver,  
5 except a private ~~ICF/MR~~ ICF/IID;

6 ~~4.~~ 3. "Community services worker" means any person employed by  
7 or under contract with a community services provider who provides,  
8 for compensation or as a volunteer, health-related services,  
9 training, or supportive assistance to persons who are elderly or  
10 persons with developmental disabilities, and who is not a licensed  
11 health professional or any person who contracts with the Oklahoma  
12 Health Care Authority to provide specialized foster care,  
13 habilitation training specialist services, or homemaker services to  
14 persons with developmental disabilities;

15 ~~5.~~ 4. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

16 ~~6.~~ 5. "Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic  
17 disability of a person which:

- 18 a. is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or  
19 combination of mental and physical impairments, such  
20 as ~~mental retardation~~ an intellectual development  
21 disorder, cerebral palsy, or autism,  
22 b. is manifested before the person attains twenty-two  
23 (22) years of age,  
24 c. is likely to continue indefinitely,

1 d. results in substantial functional limitations in three  
2 or more of the following areas of major life activity:

3 (1) self-care,

4 (2) receptive and expressive language,

5 (3) learning,

6 (4) mobility,

7 (5) self-direction,

8 (6) capacity for independent living, and

9 (7) economic self-sufficiency, and

10 e. reflects the person's need for a combination and  
11 sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic  
12 care, treatment, or other services which are of  
13 lifelong or extended duration and are individually  
14 planned and coordinated;

15 ~~7.~~ 6. "Health-related services" means those services provided  
16 by community services providers or community services workers to  
17 persons who are elderly or persons with developmental disabilities  
18 that include, but are not limited to, personal hygiene,  
19 transferring, range of motion, supervision or assistance in  
20 activities of daily living, basic nursing care such as taking  
21 temperature, pulse or respiration, positioning, incontinent care,  
22 and identification of signs and symptoms of disease. Certain tasks  
23 that may be performed as basic nursing care by community services  
24 workers require appropriate training provided or approved by the



1 Department, written agreement by the service recipient's personal  
2 support team, and the primary care physician's acknowledgement and  
3 specific order related to the task. Under such circumstances, basic  
4 nursing care may include, but need not be limited to:

- 5 a. nutrition, including meals by gastrostomy tube or
- 6 jejeunostomy tube,
- 7 b. blood glucose monitoring,
- 8 c. ostomy bag care,
- 9 d. oral suctioning, and
- 10 e. administration of oral metered dose inhalers and
- 11 nebulizers;

12 ~~8.~~ 7. "Supportive assistance" means the service rendered to  
13 persons with developmental disabilities which is sufficient to  
14 enable such person to meet an adequate level of daily living.  
15 Supportive assistance includes, but is not limited to, training,  
16 supervision, assistance in housekeeping, assistance in the  
17 preparation of meals, and assistance in activities of daily living  
18 as necessary for the health and comfort of persons with  
19 developmental disabilities;

20 ~~9.~~ 8. "Maltreatment" means abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse,  
21 neglect, financial neglect, exploitation or sexual exploitation of  
22 vulnerable adults as defined in Section 10-103 of Title 43A of the  
23 Oklahoma Statutes or abuse, neglect, sexual abuse or sexual  
24

1 exploitation of children as defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A  
2 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3 ~~10.~~ 9. "Personal care" means a level of assistance provided in  
4 the home of an individual to meet the individual's activities of  
5 daily living needs such as bathing, grooming, meal preparation,  
6 light housekeeping, laundry, and care plan-directed errands;

7 ~~11.~~ 10. "Medicaid personal care services provider" means a  
8 program, corporation or individual who provides services under the  
9 state Medicaid program personal care program or Advantage Waiver to  
10 individuals who are elderly or who have a physical disability;

11 ~~12.~~ 11. "Medicaid personal care assistant" means a person who  
12 provides Medicaid services funded under the state Medicaid program  
13 personal care program, who is not a certified nurse aide or a  
14 licensed professional;

15 ~~13.~~ 12. "Specialized foster care" means the home- and  
16 community-based service as defined in the 1915(c) waiver approved by  
17 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

18 ~~14.~~ 13. "Habilitation training specialist services" means the  
19 home- and community-based service as defined in the 1915 (c) waiver  
20 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

21 ~~15.~~ 14. "Homemaker services" means the home- and community-  
22 based service as defined in the 1915(c) waiver approved by the  
23 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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1 SECTION 38. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1030.1, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1030.1. A. The Department of Human Services may, upon  
4 its own initiative or at the request of an owner, operator or  
5 resident of any agency providing residential services to ~~people~~  
6 individuals with ~~mental-retardation~~ intellectual disabilities, or at  
7 the request of a resident's guardian or relative, petition the court  
8 to appoint a receiver to take possession of and operate an agency  
9 providing residential services, except a facility subject to the  
10 provisions of the Nursing Home Care Act. When requested to file a  
11 petition, the Department of Human Services shall determine if proper  
12 cause exists, and shall take whatever steps are necessary to protect  
13 the health, welfare and safety of residents including, if necessary,  
14 petitioning the court to place the agency under the control of a  
15 receiver to ensure that the residents receive adequate care.

16 B. Upon the filing of a petition by the Department of Human  
17 Services, subject to other provisions of this article, a court may  
18 appoint a receiver to take possession of and operate an agency  
19 licensed by or contracting with the Department of Human Services or  
20 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to provide community residential  
21 supports to individuals with ~~mental-retardation or other~~  
22 developmental or intellectual disabilities when there is actual,  
23 imminent or substantial risk of serious physical or mental harm or  
24

1 death to residents, and no other remedies at law are adequate to  
2 protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

3 C. Conditions and factors which may result in mental or  
4 physical harm or death, or risk of harm or death, as described in  
5 subsection B of this section include, but are not limited to,  
6 instances when any of the following occur:

7 1. The residential agency has violated, or has demonstrated a  
8 pattern and practice of repeated violations of, state or federal  
9 law, rule or regulation which affect health and safety;

10 2. The residential agency is in the process of terminating  
11 services or intends to cease operations, and arrangements for  
12 relocating residents are dangerously inadequate; or

13 3. The residential agency is insolvent as defined in subsection  
14 C of Section ~~16 of this act~~ 1030.2 of this title, and a receivership  
15 is necessary to protect the health and safety of the residents.

16 D. Petitions filed pursuant to this section shall include the  
17 following:

18 1. A description of the specific conditions, conduct, or  
19 occurrences existing at the agency which have resulted in serious  
20 physical or mental harm or death or which present a substantial risk  
21 of serious physical or mental harm or death to residents;

22 2. A statement explaining why other remedies of law are  
23 inadequate;

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1           3. The number of individuals receiving residential services  
2 from the agency who have been seriously harmed or died, or are at  
3 substantial risk of such harm or death;

4           4. A statement that the facts have been brought to the  
5 attention of the owner or administrator and that conditions have not  
6 been remedied within a reasonable period of time or that the  
7 conditions, though remedied periodically, habitually exist at the  
8 agency as a pattern or practice;

9           5. The name and address of the persons holding a contract for  
10 the agency or serving as the duly authorized agent of the contract  
11 and the address of a designated representative for the Director of  
12 the Department of Human Services and the Administrator of the  
13 Oklahoma Health Care Authority; and

14           6. A listing of any other reasons that may apply as set forth  
15 in this subsection.

16           E. No party, attorney, or person interested in an action shall  
17 be appointed a receiver pursuant to this section. To assist the  
18 court in identifying persons qualified to be named as receivers, the  
19 Director of the Department of Human Services or the Director's  
20 designee shall maintain a list of the names of such persons that the  
21 court may consider.

22           F. The court may award to a residential agency appropriate  
23 costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, if the court  
24 determines that a petitioner has initiated a proceeding in bad faith

1 or merely for the purpose of harassing or embarrassing the  
2 residential agency.

3 SECTION 39. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 2002, as  
4 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 183, O.S.L. 2013 (56 O.S. Supp.  
5 2018, Section 2002), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 2002. A. For the purpose of providing quality care  
7 enhancements, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority is authorized to  
8 and shall assess a Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee pursuant  
9 to this section upon each nursing facility licensed in this state.  
10 Facilities operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs  
11 shall be exempt from this fee. Quality of care enhancements  
12 include, but are not limited to, the purposes specified in this  
13 section.

14 B. As a basis for determining the Nursing Facilities Quality of  
15 Care Fee assessed upon each licensed nursing facility, the Authority  
16 shall calculate a uniform per-patient day rate. The rate shall be  
17 calculated by dividing six percent (6%) of the total annual patient  
18 gross receipts of all licensed nursing facilities in this state by  
19 the total number of patient days for all licensed nursing facilities  
20 in this state. The result shall be the per-patient day rate.  
21 Beginning July 15, 2004, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee  
22 shall not be increased unless specifically authorized by the  
23 Legislature.

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1 C. Pursuant to any approved Medicaid waiver and pursuant to  
2 subsection N of this section, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care  
3 Fee shall not exceed the amount or rate allowed by federal law for  
4 nursing home licensed bed days.

5 D. The Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee owed by a  
6 licensed nursing facility shall be calculated by the Authority by  
7 adding the daily patient census of a licensed nursing facility, as  
8 reported by the facility for each day of the month, and by  
9 multiplying the ensuing figure by the per-patient day rate  
10 determined pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this  
11 section.

12 E. Each licensed nursing facility which is assessed the Nursing  
13 Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be required to file a report on  
14 a monthly basis with the Authority detailing the daily patient  
15 census and patient gross receipts at such time and in such manner as  
16 required by the Authority.

17 F. 1. The Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee for a  
18 licensed nursing facility for the period beginning October 1, 2000,  
19 shall be determined using the daily patient census and annual  
20 patient gross receipts figures reported to the Authority for the  
21 calendar year 1999 upon forms supplied by the Authority.

22 2. Annually the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be  
23 determined by:

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- 1           a.    using the daily patient census and patient gross
- 2                    receipts reports received by the Authority for the
- 3                    most recent available twelve (12) months, and
- 4           b.    annualizing those figures.

5           Each year thereafter, the annualization of the Nursing  
6 Facilities Quality of Care Fee specified in this paragraph shall be  
7 subject to the limitation in subsection B of this section unless the  
8 provision of subsection C of this section is met.

9           G.    The payment of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee by  
10 licensed nursing facilities shall be an allowable cost for Medicaid  
11 reimbursement purposes.

12           H.   1.   There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
13 revolving fund to be designated the "Nursing Facility Quality of  
14 Care Fund".

15           2.    The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal  
16 year limitations, and shall consist of:

- 17           a.    all monies received by the Authority pursuant to this
- 18                    section and otherwise specified or authorized by law,
- 19           b.    monies received by the Authority due to federal
- 20                    financial participation pursuant to Title XIX of the
- 21                    Social Security Act, and
- 22           c.    interest attributable to investment of money in the
- 23                    fund.



1 3. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
2 appropriated and shall be budgeted and expended by the Authority  
3 for:

- 4 a. reimbursement of the additional costs paid to  
5 Medicaid-certified nursing facilities for purposes  
6 specified by Sections 1-1925.2, 5022.1 and 5022.2 of  
7 Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 8 b. reimbursement of the Medicaid rate increases for  
9 intermediate care facilities for ~~the mentally retarded~~  
10 ~~(ICFs/MR)~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities  
11 (ICFs/IID),
- 12 c. nonemergency transportation services for Medicaid-  
13 eligible nursing home clients,
- 14 d. eyeglass and denture services for Medicaid-eligible  
15 nursing home clients,
- 16 e. ten additional ombudsmen employed by the Department of  
17 Human Services,
- 18 f. ten additional nursing facility inspectors employed by  
19 the State Department of Health,
- 20 g. pharmacy and other Medicaid services to qualified  
21 Medicare beneficiaries whose incomes are at or below  
22 one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty  
23 level; provided however, pharmacy benefits authorized  
24 for such qualified Medicare beneficiaries shall be

1 suspended if the federal government subsequently  
2 extends pharmacy benefits to this population,

3 h. costs incurred by the Authority in the administration  
4 of the provisions of this section and any programs  
5 created pursuant to this section,

6 i. durable medical equipment and supplies services for  
7 Medicaid-eligible elderly adults, and

8 j. personal needs allowance increases for residents of  
9 nursing homes and Intermediate Care Facilities for the  
10 ~~Mentally Retarded (ICFs/MR)~~ Intellectually Disabled  
11 (ICFs/IID) from Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) to Fifty  
12 Dollars (\$50.00) per month per resident.

13 4. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants  
14 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
15 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
16 Services for approval and payment.

17 5. The fund and the programs specified in this section funded  
18 by revenues collected from the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care  
19 Fee pursuant to this section are exempt from budgetary cuts,  
20 reductions, or eliminations.

21 6. The Medicaid rate increases for intermediate care facilities  
22 for ~~the mentally retarded (ICFs/MR)~~ individuals with intellectual  
23 disabilities (ICFs/IID) shall not exceed the net Medicaid rate  
24 increase for nursing facilities including, but not limited to, the

1 Medicaid rate increase for which Medicaid-certified nursing  
2 facilities are eligible due to the Nursing Facilities Quality of  
3 Care Fee less the portion of that increase attributable to treating  
4 the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee as an allowable cost.

5 7. The reimbursement rate for nursing facilities shall be made  
6 in accordance with Oklahoma's Medicaid reimbursement rate  
7 methodology and the provisions of this section.

8 8. No nursing facility shall be guaranteed, expressly or  
9 otherwise, that any additional costs reimbursed to the facility will  
10 equal or exceed the amount of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care  
11 Fee paid by the nursing facility.

12 I. 1. In the event that federal financial participation  
13 pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act is not available to  
14 the Oklahoma Medicaid program, for purposes of matching expenditures  
15 from the Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund at the approved  
16 federal medical assistance percentage for the applicable fiscal  
17 year, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be null and  
18 void as of the date of the nonavailability of such federal funding,  
19 through and during any period of nonavailability.

20 2. In the event of an invalidation of this section by any court  
21 of last resort under circumstances not covered in subsection J of  
22 this section, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be  
23 null and void as of the effective date of that invalidation.

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1           3. In the event that the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee  
2 is determined to be null and void for any of the reasons enumerated  
3 in this subsection, any Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee  
4 assessed and collected for any periods after such invalidation shall  
5 be returned in full within sixty (60) days by the Authority to the  
6 nursing facility from which it was collected.

7           J. 1. If any provision of this section or the application  
8 thereof shall be adjudged to be invalid by any court of last resort,  
9 such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the provisions  
10 of the section, but shall be confined in its operation to the  
11 provision thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such  
12 judgment was rendered. The applicability of such provision to other  
13 persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

14           2. This subsection shall not apply to any judgment that affects  
15 the rate of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee, its  
16 applicability to all licensed nursing homes in the state, the usage  
17 of the fee for the purposes prescribed in this section, and/or the  
18 ability of the Authority to obtain full federal participation to  
19 match its expenditures of the proceeds of the fee.

20           K. The Authority shall promulgate rules for the implementation  
21 and enforcement of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee  
22 established by this section.

23           L. The Authority shall provide for administrative penalties in  
24 the event nursing facilities fail to:

- 1 1. Submit the Quality of Care Fee;
- 2 2. Submit the fee in a timely manner;
- 3 3. Submit reports as required by this section; or
- 4 4. Submit reports timely.

5 M. As used in this section:

6 1. "Nursing facility" means any home, establishment or  
7 institution, or any portion thereof, licensed by the State  
8 Department of Health as defined in Section 1-1902 of Title 63 of the  
9 Oklahoma Statutes;

10 2. "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program established  
11 in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and administered in  
12 this state by the Authority;

13 3. "Patient gross revenues" means gross revenues received in  
14 compensation for services provided to residents of nursing  
15 facilities including, but not limited to, client participation. The  
16 term "patient gross revenues" shall not include amounts received by  
17 nursing facilities as charitable contributions; and

18 4. "Additional costs paid to Medicaid-certified nursing  
19 facilities under Oklahoma's Medicaid reimbursement methodology"  
20 means both state and federal Medicaid expenditures including, but  
21 not limited to, funds in excess of the aggregate amounts that would  
22 otherwise have been paid to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities  
23 under the Medicaid reimbursement methodology which have been updated  
24 for inflationary, economic, and regulatory trends and which are in

1 effect immediately prior to the inception of the Nursing Facilities  
2 Quality of Care Fee.

3 N. 1. As per any approved federal Medicaid waiver, the  
4 assessment rate subject to the provision of subsection C of this  
5 section is to remain the same as those rates that were in effect  
6 prior to January 1, 2012, for all state-licensed continuum of care  
7 facilities.

8 2. Any facilities that made application to the State Department  
9 of Health to become a licensed continuum of care facility no later  
10 than January 1, 2012, shall be assessed at the same rate as those  
11 facilities assessed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection;  
12 provided, that any facility making ~~said~~ the application shall  
13 receive the license on or before September 1, 2012. Any facility  
14 that fails to receive such license from the State Department of  
15 Health by September 1, 2012, shall be assessed at the rate  
16 established by subsection C of this section subsequent to September  
17 1, 2012.

18 O. If any provision of this section, or the application  
19 thereof, is determined by any controlling federal agency, or any  
20 court of last resort to prevent the state from obtaining federal  
21 financial participation in the state's Medicaid program, such  
22 provision shall be deemed null and void as of the date of the  
23 nonavailability of such federal funding and through and during any  
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1 period of nonavailability. All other provisions of the bill shall  
2 remain valid and enforceable.

3 SECTION 40. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 343, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 343. The ~~Commission for~~ Department of Human Services  
6 and the University Hospitals Authority shall enter into cooperative  
7 agreements between the University Hospitals Authority and the state  
8 schools for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual  
9 disabilities in the development of basic medical services programs  
10 at the schools for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with  
11 intellectual disabilities; provided, that the University Hospitals  
12 Authority shall not have the responsibility for implementing such  
13 programs or for providing medical services at the schools for ~~the~~  
14 ~~mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities.

15 SECTION 41. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 347, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 347. The Department of Human Services is hereby  
18 authorized to contract for the services of guardians and  
19 conservators who will act on behalf of individuals that are  
20 recipients of services through the agency's programs including, but  
21 not limited to, the program for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals  
22 with intellectual disabilities and the adult protective services  
23 program. The Department is authorized to reimburse such guardians  
24 and conservators for any expenses determined to be reimburseable by

1 the Department and incurred as a result of their services as  
2 guardian or conservator.

3 SECTION 42. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 530.2, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 530.2. A. It is the purpose and policy of the Oklahoma  
6 Adult Companion Home Certification Act to ensure maintenance of  
7 minimum standards for the care and protection of ~~mentally retarded~~  
8 ~~or developmentally disabled~~ adults with intellectual or  
9 developmental disability, and to encourage and assist adult  
10 companion homes in achieving maximum standards.

11 B. In order to provide care for ~~mentally retarded or~~  
12 ~~developmentally disabled~~ adults with intellectual or developmental  
13 disability in adult companion homes, a certificate shall be obtained  
14 from the Department of Human Services. Such certificate shall be  
15 issued on the basis of meeting minimum standards which are essential  
16 for the health and welfare of any ~~mentally retarded or~~  
17 ~~developmentally disabled~~ adult with intellectual or developmental  
18 disability placed for care in such home.

19 SECTION 43. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 530.3, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 530.3. For purposes of the provisions of the Oklahoma  
22 Adult Companion Home Certification Act:

23 1. "Department" means the Department of Human Services; and  
24



1           2. "Adult companion home" means any home or establishment,  
2 funded and certified by the Department of Human Services, which  
3 provides homelike residential accommodations and supportive  
4 assistance to three or fewer ~~mentally retarded or developmentally~~  
5 ~~disabled~~ adults with intellectual or developmental disability.

6           SECTION 44.           AMENDATORY           56 O.S. 2011, Section 530.6, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8           Section 530.6. A. The Department of Human Services shall have  
9 authority at any reasonable time to investigate and examine the  
10 conditions of any home which receives and cares for ~~mentally~~  
11 ~~retarded or developmentally disabled~~ adults with intellectual or  
12 developmental disability. The Department shall have authority at  
13 any time to require the home to provide information pertaining to  
14 ~~mentally retarded or developmentally disabled~~ adults with  
15 intellectual or developmental disability in its care.

16           B. The State Department of Health may visit any home at the  
17 request of the Department to advise on matters affecting the health  
18 of ~~mentally retarded or developmentally disabled~~ adults with  
19 intellectual or developmental disability and to inspect the  
20 sanitation of the buildings used for their care.

21           C. The State Bureau of Investigation and the State Fire Marshal  
22 shall visit any home at the request of the Department to advise on  
23 matters affecting the safety of ~~mentally retarded or developmentally~~  
24 ~~disabled~~ adults with intellectual or developmental disability and to

1 inspect the condition of the buildings in which their care is  
2 provided.

3 D. Information obtained by the Department from any home  
4 regarding ~~mentally retarded or developmentally disabled~~ adults with  
5 intellectual or developmental disability shall be deemed  
6 confidential, and shall be properly safeguarded, and shall not be  
7 accessible to anyone except as herein provided unless upon order of  
8 a court of competent jurisdiction.

9 SECTION 45. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 367.3, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 367.3. A. The Board of Pharmacy shall implement  
12 statewide a program consistent with public health and safety through  
13 which unused prescription drugs, other than prescription drugs  
14 defined as controlled dangerous substances in Section 2-101 of Title  
15 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may be transferred from residential  
16 care homes, nursing facilities, assisted living centers, public  
17 intermediate care facilities for ~~people~~ individuals with ~~mental~~  
18 ~~retardation (ICF/MR)~~ intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) or  
19 pharmaceutical manufacturers to pharmacies operated by a county. If  
20 no county pharmacy exists, or if a county pharmacy chooses not to  
21 participate, such unused prescription medications may be transferred  
22 to a pharmacy operated by a city-county health department or a  
23 pharmacy under contract with a city-county health department, a  
24 pharmacy operated by the Department of Mental Health and Substance

1 Abuse Services or a charitable clinic for the purpose of  
2 distributing the unused prescription medications to Oklahoma  
3 residents who are medically indigent.

4 B. The Board of Pharmacy shall promulgate rules and establish  
5 procedures necessary to implement the program established by the  
6 Utilization of Unused Prescription Medications Act.

7 C. The Board of Pharmacy shall provide technical assistance to  
8 entities who may wish to participate in the program.

9 SECTION 46. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.17, as  
10 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.  
11 2018, Section 887.17), is amended to read as follows:

12 Section 887.17. A. 1. Except for workers' compensation  
13 claims, any person licensed under the Physical Therapy Practice Act  
14 as a physical therapist shall be able to evaluate and treat human  
15 ailments by physical therapy on a patient without a referral from a  
16 licensed health care practitioner for a period not to exceed thirty  
17 (30) days. Treatment may be provided by a physical therapist  
18 assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist. Any  
19 treatment provided beyond the thirty-day period shall be only under  
20 the referral of a person licensed as a physician or surgeon with  
21 unlimited license, or the physician assistant of the person so  
22 licensed, and Doctors of Dentistry, Chiropractic and Podiatry and an  
23 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, with those referrals being  
24 limited to their respective areas of training and practice.

1           2. A physical therapist may provide services within the scope  
2 of physical therapy practice without a physician referral to  
3 children who receive physical therapy services pursuant to the  
4 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, as  
5 may be amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,  
6 ~~Section 504~~, as may be amended. Provided further, a plan of care  
7 developed by a person authorized to provide services within the  
8 scope of the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall be deemed to be a  
9 prescription for purposes of providing services pursuant to the  
10 provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education  
11 Improvement Act of 2004, as may be amended, and Section 504 of the  
12 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as may be amended.

13           3. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall prevent a  
14 physical therapist from performing screening and educational  
15 procedures within the scope of physical therapy practice without a  
16 physician referral.

17           4. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall prevent a  
18 physical therapist from performing services that are provided for  
19 the purpose of fitness, wellness, or prevention that is not related  
20 to the treatment of an injury or ailment.

21           5. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall be  
22 construed as authorization for a physical therapist or physical  
23 therapist assistant to practice any branch of the healing art.

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1           6. Any person violating the provisions of the Physical Therapy  
2 Practice Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as per Section 887.16  
3 of this title.

4           B. 1. The provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act are  
5 not intended to limit the activities of persons legitimately engaged  
6 in the nontherapeutic administration of baths, massage, and normal  
7 exercise.

8           2. The Physical Therapy Practice Act shall not prohibit  
9 students who are enrolled in schools of physical therapy approved by  
10 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision from performing  
11 such work as is incidental to their course of study; nor shall it  
12 prevent any student in any recognized school of the healing art in  
13 carrying out prescribed courses of study; provided such school is a  
14 recognized institution by the statutes of Oklahoma, and its  
15 practitioners are duly licensed as prescribed by law.

16           3. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall apply to  
17 any person employed by an agency, bureau, or division of the federal  
18 government while in the discharge of official duties; however, if  
19 such individual engages in the practice of physical therapy outside  
20 the line of official duty, the individual must be licensed as herein  
21 provided.

22           SECTION 47.           AMENDATORY           62 O.S. 2011, Section 57.32, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 57.32. The State of Oklahoma Building Bonds Commission,  
2 created by Section 57.302 of Title 62, ~~Oklahoma Statutes 1951,~~  
3 ~~Section 57.1~~ of the Oklahoma Statutes, acting for and on behalf of  
4 the State of Oklahoma, shall be the agency by and through which the  
5 State of Oklahoma shall incur indebtedness to the extent of the sum  
6 of Thirty-five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
7 (\$35,500,000.00) as principal, for the purpose of constructing new  
8 buildings and other capital improvements, and for equipping,  
9 remodeling, modernizing and repairing any and all existing buildings  
10 and capital improvements, at the constituent institutions of the  
11 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education provided that Five Million  
12 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) thereof shall be used to construct and equip  
13 a school and hospital for ~~mentally retarded~~ children with  
14 intellectual disabilities in Northeastern Oklahoma pursuant to, and  
15 under authority of, Section 34 of Article X of the Constitution of  
16 the State of Oklahoma, and ~~this act~~ Section 57.15 et seq. of this  
17 title.

18 SECTION 48. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1925.2,  
19 is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1-1925.2. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall  
21 fully recalculate and reimburse nursing facilities and intermediate  
22 care facilities for ~~the mentally retarded (ICFs/MR)~~ individuals with  
23 intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) from the Nursing Facility  
24 Quality of Care Fund beginning October 1, 2000, the average actual,

1 audited costs reflected in previously submitted cost reports for the  
2 cost-reporting period that began July 1, 1998, and ended June 30,  
3 1999, inflated by the federally published inflationary factors for  
4 the two (2) years appropriate to reflect present-day costs at the  
5 midpoint of the July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001, rate year.

6 1. The recalculations provided for in this subsection shall be  
7 consistent for both nursing facilities and intermediate care  
8 facilities for ~~the mentally retarded (ICFs/MR)~~ individuals with  
9 intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID), and shall be calculated in the  
10 same manner as has been mutually understood by the long-term care  
11 industry and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

12 2. The recalculated reimbursement rate shall be implemented  
13 September 1, 2000.

14 B. 1. From September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001, all  
15 nursing facilities subject to the Nursing Home Care Act, in addition  
16 to other state and federal requirements related to the staffing of  
17 nursing facilities, shall maintain the following minimum direct-  
18 care-staff-to-resident ratios:

- 19 a. from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., one direct-care staff to  
20 every eight residents, or major fraction thereof,
- 21 b. from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., one direct-care staff to  
22 every twelve residents, or major fraction thereof, and
- 23 c. from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., one direct-care staff to  
24 every seventeen residents, or major fraction thereof.

1           2. From September 1, 2001, through August 31, 2003, nursing  
2 facilities subject to the Nursing Home Care Act and ~~intermediate~~  
3 ~~care facilities for the mentally retarded~~ ICFs/IID with seventeen or  
4 more beds shall maintain, in addition to other state and federal  
5 requirements related to the staffing of nursing facilities, the  
6 following minimum direct-care-staff-to-resident ratios:

- 7           a. from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., one direct-care staff to  
8           every seven residents, or major fraction thereof,
- 9           b. from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., one direct-care staff to  
10           every ten residents, or major fraction thereof, and
- 11           c. from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., one direct-care staff to  
12           every seventeen residents, or major fraction thereof.

13           3. On and after September 1, 2003, subject to the availability  
14 of funds, nursing facilities subject to the Nursing Home Care Act  
15 and ~~intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded~~ ICFs/IID  
16 with seventeen or more beds shall maintain, in addition to other  
17 state and federal requirements related to the staffing of nursing  
18 facilities, the following minimum direct-care-staff-to-resident  
19 ratios:

- 20           a. from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., one direct-care staff to  
21           every six residents, or major fraction thereof,
- 22           b. from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., one direct-care staff to  
23           every eight residents, or major fraction thereof, and  
24



1           c.    from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., one direct-care staff to  
2                    every fifteen residents, or major fraction thereof.

3           4.    Effective immediately, facilities shall have the option of  
4    varying the starting times for the eight-hour shifts by one (1) hour  
5    before or one (1) hour after the times designated in this section  
6    without overlapping shifts.

7           5.    a.    On and after January 1, 2004, a facility that has been  
8                    determined by the State Department of Health to have  
9                    been in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 3  
10                   of this subsection since the implementation date of  
11                   this subsection, may implement flexible staff  
12                   scheduling; provided, however, such facility shall  
13                   continue to maintain a direct-care service rate of at  
14                   least two and eighty-six one-hundredths (2.86) hours  
15                   of direct-care service per resident per day.

16           b.    At no time shall direct-care staffing ratios in a  
17                   facility with flexible staff-scheduling privileges  
18                   fall below one direct-care staff to every sixteen  
19                   residents, and at least two direct-care staff shall be  
20                   on duty and awake at all times.

21           c.    As used in this paragraph, "flexible staff-scheduling"  
22                   means maintaining:

23                   (1) a direct-care-staff-to-resident ratio based on  
24                   overall hours of direct-care service per resident

1 per day rate of not less than two and eighty-six  
2 one-hundredths (2.86) hours per day,

3 (2) a direct-care-staff-to-resident ratio of at least  
4 one direct-care staff person on duty to every  
5 sixteen residents at all times, and

6 (3) at least two direct-care staff persons on duty  
7 and awake at all times.

8 6. a. On and after January 1, 2004, the Department shall  
9 require a facility to maintain the shift-based, staff-  
10 to-resident ratios provided in paragraph 3 of this  
11 subsection if the facility has been determined by the  
12 Department to be deficient with regard to:

13 (1) the provisions of paragraph 3 of this subsection,

14 (2) fraudulent reporting of staffing on the Quality  
15 of Care Report,

16 (3) a complaint and/or survey investigation that has  
17 determined substandard quality of care, or

18 (4) a complaint and/or survey investigation that has  
19 determined quality-of-care problems related to  
20 insufficient staffing.

21 b. The Department shall require a facility described in  
22 subparagraph a of this paragraph to achieve and  
23 maintain the shift-based, staff-to-resident ratios  
24 provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection for a

1 minimum of three (3) months before being considered  
2 eligible to implement flexible staff scheduling as  
3 defined in subparagraph c of paragraph 5 of this  
4 subsection.

5 c. Upon a subsequent determination by the Department that  
6 the facility has achieved and maintained for at least  
7 three (3) months the shift-based, staff-to-resident  
8 ratios described in paragraph 3 of this subsection,  
9 and has corrected any deficiency described in  
10 subparagraph a of this paragraph, the Department shall  
11 notify the facility of its eligibility to implement  
12 flexible staff-scheduling privileges.

13 7. a. For facilities that have been granted flexible staff-  
14 scheduling privileges, the Department shall monitor  
15 and evaluate facility compliance with the flexible  
16 staff-scheduling staffing provisions of paragraph 5 of  
17 this subsection through reviews of monthly staffing  
18 reports, results of complaint investigations and  
19 inspections.

20 b. If the Department identifies any quality-of-care  
21 problems related to insufficient staffing in such  
22 facility, the Department shall issue a directed plan  
23 of correction to the facility found to be out of  
24 compliance with the provisions of this subsection.

1 c. In a directed plan of correction, the Department shall  
2 require a facility described in subparagraph b of this  
3 paragraph to maintain shift-based, staff-to-resident  
4 ratios for the following periods of time:

5 (1) the first determination shall require that shift-  
6 based, staff-to-resident ratios be maintained  
7 until full compliance is achieved,

8 (2) the second determination within a two-year period  
9 shall require that shift-based, staff-to-resident  
10 ratios be maintained for a minimum period of six  
11 (6) months, and

12 (3) the third determination within a two-year period  
13 shall require that shift-based, staff-to-resident  
14 ratios be maintained for a minimum period of  
15 twelve (12) months.

16 C. Effective September 1, 2002, facilities shall post the names  
17 and titles of direct-care staff on duty each day in a conspicuous  
18 place, including the name and title of the supervising nurse.

19 D. The State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health shall promulgate  
20 rules prescribing staffing requirements for intermediate care  
21 facilities for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual  
22 disabilities serving six or fewer clients (ICFs/IID-6) and for  
23 intermediate care facilities for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals  
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1 with intellectual disabilities serving sixteen or fewer clients  
2 (ICFs/IID-16).

3 E. Facilities shall have the right to appeal and to the  
4 informal dispute resolution process with regard to penalties and  
5 sanctions imposed due to staffing noncompliance.

6 F. 1. When the state Medicaid program reimbursement rate  
7 reflects the sum of Ninety-four Dollars and eleven cents (\$94.11),  
8 plus the increases in actual audited costs over and above the actual  
9 audited costs reflected in the cost reports submitted for the most  
10 current cost-reporting period and the costs estimated by the  
11 Oklahoma Health Care Authority to increase the direct-care, flexible  
12 staff-scheduling staffing level from two and eighty-six one-  
13 hundredths (2.86) hours per day per occupied bed to three and two-  
14 tenths (3.2) hours per day per occupied bed, all nursing facilities  
15 subject to the provisions of the Nursing Home Care Act and  
16 intermediate care facilities for the ~~mentally retarded~~ individuals  
17 with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) with seventeen or more  
18 beds, in addition to other state and federal requirements related to  
19 the staffing of nursing facilities, shall maintain direct-care,  
20 flexible staff-scheduling staffing levels based on an overall three  
21 and two-tenths (3.2) hours per day per occupied bed.

22 2. When the state Medicaid program reimbursement rate reflects  
23 the sum of Ninety-four Dollars and eleven cents (\$94.11), plus the  
24 increases in actual audited costs over and above the actual audited

1 costs reflected in the cost reports submitted for the most current  
2 cost-reporting period and the costs estimated by the Oklahoma Health  
3 Care Authority to increase the direct-care flexible staff-scheduling  
4 staffing level from three and two-tenths (3.2) hours per day per  
5 occupied bed to three and eight-tenths (3.8) hours per day per  
6 occupied bed, all nursing facilities subject to the provisions of  
7 the Nursing Home Care Act and ~~intermediate care facilities for the~~  
8 ~~mentally retarded~~ ICFs/IID with seventeen or more beds, in addition  
9 to other state and federal requirements related to the staffing of  
10 nursing facilities, shall maintain direct-care, flexible staff-  
11 scheduling staffing levels based on an overall three and eight-  
12 tenths (3.8) hours per day per occupied bed.

13 3. When the state Medicaid program reimbursement rate reflects  
14 the sum of Ninety-four Dollars and eleven cents (\$94.11), plus the  
15 increases in actual audited costs over and above the actual audited  
16 costs reflected in the cost reports submitted for the most current  
17 cost-reporting period and the costs estimated by the Oklahoma Health  
18 Care Authority to increase the direct-care, flexible staff-  
19 scheduling staffing level from three and eight-tenths (3.8) hours  
20 per day per occupied bed to four and one-tenth (4.1) hours per day  
21 per occupied bed, all nursing facilities subject to the provisions  
22 of the Nursing Home Care Act and ~~intermediate care facilities for~~  
23 ~~the mentally retarded~~ ICFs/IID with seventeen or more beds, in  
24 addition to other state and federal requirements related to the

1 staffing of nursing facilities, shall maintain direct-care, flexible  
2 staff-scheduling staffing levels based on an overall four and one-  
3 tenth (4.1) hours per day per occupied bed.

4 4. The ~~Board~~ Commissioner shall promulgate rules for shift-  
5 based, staff-to-resident ratios for noncompliant facilities denoting  
6 the incremental increases reflected in direct-care, flexible staff-  
7 scheduling staffing levels.

8 5. In the event that the state Medicaid program reimbursement  
9 rate for facilities subject to the Nursing Home Care Act, and  
10 ~~intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded~~ ICFs/IID  
11 having seventeen or more beds is reduced below actual audited costs,  
12 the requirements for staffing ratio levels shall be adjusted to the  
13 appropriate levels provided in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this  
14 subsection.

15 G. For purposes of this subsection:

16 1. "Direct-care staff" means any nursing or therapy staff who  
17 provides direct, hands-on care to residents in a nursing facility;  
18 and

19 2. Prior to September 1, 2003, activity and social services  
20 staff who are not providing direct, hands-on care to residents may  
21 be included in the direct-care-staff-to-resident ratio in any shift.  
22 On and after September 1, 2003, such persons shall not be included  
23 in the direct-care-staff-to-resident ratio.

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1 H. 1. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall require all  
2 nursing facilities subject to the provisions of the Nursing Home  
3 Care Act and ~~intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded~~  
4 ICFs/IID with seventeen or more beds to submit a monthly report on  
5 staffing ratios on a form that the Authority shall develop.

6 2. The report shall document the extent to which such  
7 facilities are meeting or are failing to meet the minimum direct-  
8 care-staff-to-resident ratios specified by this section. Such  
9 report shall be available to the public upon request.

10 3. The Authority may assess administrative penalties for the  
11 failure of any facility to submit the report as required by the  
12 Authority. Provided, however:

13 a. administrative penalties shall not accrue until the  
14 Authority notifies the facility in writing that the  
15 report was not timely submitted as required, and

16 b. a minimum of a one-day penalty shall be assessed in  
17 all instances.

18 4. Administrative penalties shall not be assessed for  
19 computational errors made in preparing the report.

20 5. Monies collected from administrative penalties shall be  
21 deposited in the Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund and utilized  
22 for the purposes specified in the Oklahoma Healthcare Initiative  
23 Act.



1 I. 1. All entities regulated by this state that provide long-  
2 term care services shall utilize a single assessment tool to  
3 determine client services needs. The tool shall be developed by the  
4 Oklahoma Health Care Authority in consultation with the State  
5 Department of Health.

6 2. a. The Oklahoma Nursing Facility Funding Advisory  
7 Committee is hereby created and shall consist of the  
8 following:

9 (1) four members selected by the Oklahoma Association  
10 of Health Care Providers,

11 (2) three members selected by the Oklahoma  
12 Association of Homes and Services for the Aging,  
13 and

14 (3) two members selected by the State Council on  
15 Aging.

16 The Chair shall be elected by the committee. No state  
17 employees may be appointed to serve.

18 b. The purpose of the advisory committee will be to  
19 develop a new methodology for calculating state  
20 Medicaid program reimbursements to nursing facilities  
21 by implementing facility-specific rates based on  
22 expenditures relating to direct care staffing. No  
23 nursing home will receive less than the current rate  
24

1 at the time of implementation of facility-specific  
2 rates pursuant to this subparagraph.

3 c. The advisory committee shall be staffed and advised by  
4 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

5 d. The new methodology will be submitted for approval to  
6 the Board of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority by  
7 January 15, 2005, and shall be finalized by July 1,  
8 2005. The new methodology will apply only to new  
9 funds that become available for Medicaid nursing  
10 facility reimbursement after the methodology of this  
11 paragraph has been finalized. Existing funds paid to  
12 nursing homes will not be subject to the methodology  
13 of this paragraph. The methodology as outlined in  
14 this paragraph will only be applied to any new funding  
15 for nursing facilities appropriated above and beyond  
16 the funding amounts effective on January 15, 2005.

17 e. The new methodology shall divide the payment into two  
18 components:

19 (1) direct care which includes allowable costs for  
20 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses,  
21 certified medication aides and certified nurse  
22 aides. The direct care component of the rate  
23 shall be a facility-specific rate, directly  
24

1 related to each facility's actual expenditures on  
2 direct care, and

3 (2) other costs.

4 f. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, in calculating the  
5 base year prospective direct care rate component,  
6 shall use the following criteria:

7 (1) to construct an array of facility per diem  
8 allowable expenditures on direct care, the  
9 Authority shall use the most recent data  
10 available. The limit on this array shall be no  
11 less than the ninetieth percentile,

12 (2) each facility's direct care base-year component  
13 of the rate shall be the lesser of the facility's  
14 allowable expenditures on direct care or the  
15 limit,

16 (3) other rate components shall be determined by the  
17 Oklahoma Nursing Facility Funding Advisory  
18 Committee in accordance with federal regulations  
19 and requirements, and

20 (4) rate components in divisions (2) and (3) of this  
21 subparagraph shall be re-based and adjusted for  
22 inflation when additional funds are made  
23 available.

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1           3. The Department of Human Services shall expand its statewide  
2 toll-free, Senior-Info Line for senior citizen services to include  
3 assistance with or information on long-term care services in this  
4 state.

5           4. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall develop a nursing  
6 facility cost-reporting system that reflects the most current costs  
7 experienced by nursing and specialized facilities. The Oklahoma  
8 Health Care Authority shall utilize the most current cost report  
9 data to estimate costs in determining daily per diem rates.

10          J. 1. When the state Medicaid program reimbursement rate  
11 reflects the sum of Ninety-four Dollars and eleven cents (\$94.11),  
12 plus the increases in actual audited costs, over and above the  
13 actual audited costs reflected in the cost reports submitted for the  
14 most current cost-reporting period, and the direct-care, flexible  
15 staff-scheduling staffing level has been prospectively funding at  
16 four and one-tenth (4.1) hours per day per occupied bed, the  
17 Authority may apportion funds for the implementation of the  
18 provisions of this section.

19          2. The Authority shall make application to the United States  
20 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service for a waiver of the  
21 uniform requirement on health-care-related taxes as permitted by  
22 Section 433.72 of 42 C.F.R.

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1           3. Upon approval of the waiver, the Authority shall develop a  
2 program to implement the provisions of the waiver as it relates to  
3 all nursing facilities.

4           SECTION 49.           AMENDATORY           63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-219, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6           Section 1-219. The board of county commissioners of any county,  
7 or the board of county commissioners of two or more counties  
8 jointly, is hereby authorized, at the option and approval of ~~said~~  
9 the board or boards, to conduct a child guidance program, and/or  
10 community health center and/or community facility for ~~the mentally~~  
11 ~~retarded~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities, separate and  
12 apart from or in conjunction with the county department of health,  
13 and to request as a part of the county budget an appropriation of  
14 not to exceed an amount equal to the net proceeds of a levy of  
15 three-fourths (3/4) mill on the dollar valuation of taxable property  
16 in the county for such purpose or purposes; and to employ personnel,  
17 within the limits of such funds, to conduct such program or  
18 programs. Provided, that any center or facility for mental health  
19 services established or maintained hereunder shall first be approved  
20 by the State Director of Mental Health on advice of the Board of  
21 Mental Health and shall operate under the guidelines of the Oklahoma  
22 Mental Health Services Act; and any center or facility for ~~mental~~  
23 ~~retardation~~ intellectual disability services established or  
24 maintained hereunder shall first be approved by the Director of ~~the~~

1 ~~Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services on~~  
2 ~~the advice of the Oklahoma Welfare Commission and shall operate~~  
3 ~~under regulations prescribed by the Oklahoma Public Welfare~~  
4 ~~Commission~~ Human Services.

5 SECTION 50. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-222.1, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 1-222.1. A. Every county or combination of counties  
8 desirous of establishing a mental health center and/or facilities  
9 for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities  
10 shall establish a community mental health board and/or ~~mental~~  
11 ~~retardation~~ intellectual disability governing board each of which  
12 shall be composed of not less than seven (7) members. The members  
13 of such governing boards shall be appointed by the board of county  
14 commissioners of ~~said~~ the county. The term of office of members of  
15 the governing board shall be three (3) years, except that of the  
16 members first appointed the term of three members shall be for one  
17 (1) year, and the term of two members shall be for two (2) years.  
18 All members shall serve without pay.

19 B. When any combination of counties desires to establish a  
20 mental health center and/or facilities for ~~the mentally retarded~~  
21 individuals with intellectual disabilities, the ~~chairman~~ chair of  
22 the board of county commissioners of each participating county shall  
23 appoint two (2) members of a selection committee, which committee  
24 shall select the governing board.

1 SECTION 51. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-222.2, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1-222.2. The duties of each of the governing boards  
4 shall be:

5 1. For the community mental health board, the duties prescribed  
6 by the Community Mental Health Services Act, Sections 601 through  
7 609, Title 43A, Oklahoma Statutes; and

8 2. For the ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disability board,  
9 the duties prescribed for the ~~Oklahoma Welfare Commission~~ Department  
10 of Human Services by Sections 301 through 335, Title 43A, Oklahoma  
11 Statutes.

12 SECTION 52. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-502.1, as  
13 amended by Section 1, Chapter 246, O.S.L. 2013 (63 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
14 Section 1-502.1), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-502.1. A. All agencies and organizations that  
16 regularly employ emergency medical technicians, paramedics,  
17 firefighters, peace officers, as defined in Section 648 of Title 21  
18 of the Oklahoma Statutes, correctional officers and employees, or  
19 health care workers, all mental health or ~~mentally retarded~~  
20 intellectual disability treatment or evaluation programs that employ  
21 persons involved with providing care for patients, the J.D. McCarty  
22 Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities, and all  
23 juvenile institutions of the Department of Human Services shall  
24 implement the universal precautions for the prevention of the

1 transmission of communicable diseases published by the Centers for  
2 Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service, in the Morbidity and  
3 Mortality Weekly Report, Volume 36, Number 2S or as subsequently  
4 amended.

5 B. The State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health shall promulgate  
6 rules and guidelines that will implement a system of notification of  
7 emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, health care  
8 workers, funeral directors, peace officers, and any person who in  
9 good faith renders aid in accordance with the Good Samaritan Act  
10 relating to risk exposures during health care activities, emergency  
11 response activities or funeral preparations. Risk exposure shall be  
12 defined by the State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health to be exposure  
13 that is epidemiologically demonstrated to have the potential for  
14 transmitting a communicable disease.

15 C. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,  
16 Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Cerebral Palsy Commission,  
17 and State Board of Corrections shall each promulgate rules,  
18 guidelines or policies to provide for such notification of risk  
19 exposures to persons employed by such agencies.

20 SECTION 53. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-533, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1-533. A. The State ~~Board~~ Commissioner of Health shall  
23 provide, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-534 of this title,  
24 as technologies and funds become available, an intensive educational



1 and newborn screening program among physicians, hospitals, public  
2 health nurses, and the public concerning phenylketonuria, related  
3 inborn metabolic disorders, and other genetic or biochemical  
4 disorders for which:

5 1. Newborn screening will provide early treatment and  
6 management opportunities that might not be available without  
7 screening; and

8 2. Treatment and management will prevent ~~mental-retardation~~  
9 intellectual disabilities and/or reduce infant morbidity and  
10 mortality.

11 B. This educational and newborn screening program shall include  
12 information about:

13 1. The nature of the diseases;

14 2. Examinations for the detection of the diseases in infancy;  
15 and

16 3. Follow-up measures to prevent the morbidity and mortality  
17 resulting from these diseases.

18 C. For purposes of this section, "phenylketonuria" means an  
19 inborn error of metabolism attributable to a deficiency of or a  
20 defect in phenylalanine hydroxylase, the enzyme that catalyzes the  
21 conversion of phenylalanine to tyrosine. The deficiency permits the  
22 accumulation of phenylalanine and its metabolic products in the body  
23 fluids. The deficiency can result in ~~mental-retardation~~  
24 intellectual disabilities (phenylpyruvic oligophrenia), neurologic

1 manifestations (including hyperkinesia, epilepsy, and microcephaly),  
2 light pigmentation, and eczema. The disorder is transmitted as an  
3 autosomal recessive trait and can be treated by administration of a  
4 diet low in phenylalanine.

5 D. ~~The State Board of Health~~ Commissioner shall promulgate any  
6 rules necessary to effectuate the provision of this section.

7 SECTION 54. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-851.1, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1-851.1. For purposes of the Long-term Care Certificate  
10 of Need Act:

- 11 1. "Board" means the State Board of Health;
- 12 2. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;
- 13 3. "Department" means the State Department of Health;
- 14 4. "Long-term care facility" means:
  - 15 a. a nursing facility or a specialized facility, as such
  - 16 terms are defined by Section 1-1902 of this title,
  - 17 b. skilled nursing care provided in a distinct part of a
  - 18 hospital as such term is defined by Section 1-701 of
  - 19 this title,
  - 20 c. the nursing care component of a continuum of care
  - 21 facility, as such term is defined under the Continuum
  - 22 of Care and Assisted Living Act, or
  - 23
  - 24

1 d. the nursing care component of a life care community as  
2 such term is defined by the Long-term Care Insurance  
3 Act;

4 5. "Disclosure statement" means a written statement by the  
5 applicant which contains:

6 a. the full name, business address, and social security  
7 number of the applicant, and all persons with  
8 controlling interest as defined by the Long-term Care  
9 Certificate of Need Act,

10 b. the full name and address of any legal entity in which  
11 the applicant holds a debt or equity interest of at  
12 least five percent (5%), or which is a parent company  
13 or subsidiary of the applicant,

14 c. a description of the experience and credentials of the  
15 applicant, including any past or present permits,  
16 licenses, certifications, or operational  
17 authorizations relating to long-term care facility  
18 regulation,

19 d. a listing and explanation of any administrative, civil  
20 or criminal legal actions against the applicant or any  
21 person with a controlling interest which resulted in a  
22 final agency order or final judgment by a court of  
23 record including, but not limited to, final orders or  
24 judgments on appeal related to long-term care in the

1 five (5) years immediately preceding the filing of the  
2 application. Such actions shall include, without  
3 limitation, any permit denial or any sanction imposed  
4 by a state regulatory authority or the Centers for  
5 Medicare and Medicaid Services, and

6 e. a listing of any federal long-term care agency and any  
7 state long-term care agency outside this state that  
8 has or has had regulatory responsibility over the  
9 applicant;

10 6. "History of noncompliance" means three standard or complaint  
11 surveys found to be at the substandard quality of care level when  
12 the facility does not achieve compliance by date certain in a  
13 nursing facility or specialized facility for persons with  
14 Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Additionally, "history of  
15 noncompliance" for an intermediate care or specialized facility for  
16 persons with ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual disabilities means  
17 three consecutive routine or complaint surveys that resulted in  
18 determinations that the facility was out of compliance with two or  
19 more Conditions of Participation in the Medicaid program within the  
20 preceding thirty-six (36) months when the facility does not achieve  
21 compliance within sixty (60) days;

22 7. "Person" means any individual, corporation, industry, firm,  
23 partnership, association, venture, trust, institution, federal,  
24

1 state or local governmental instrumentality, agency or body or any  
2 other legal entity however organized; and

3 8. "Person with a controlling interest" means a person who  
4 meets any one or more of the following requirements:

5 a. controls fifty percent (50%) or more of the common  
6 stock of the corporate entity involved or controls  
7 fifty percent (50%) or more of the interest in the  
8 partnership involved,

9 b. controls a percentage of stock greater than any other  
10 stockholder or equal to the other single largest  
11 stockholder or controls a percentage of partnership  
12 interest greater than any other partner or equal to  
13 the other single largest partnership interest, or

14 c. a managing member of a Limited Liability Company  
15 (LLC).

16 SECTION 55. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1902, as  
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 288, O.S.L. 2016 (63 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
18 Section 1-1902), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1-1902. As used in the Nursing Home Care Act:

20 1. "Abuse" means the willful infliction of injury, unreasonable  
21 confinement, intimidation or punishment, with resulting physical  
22 harm, impairment or mental anguish;

23 2. "Access" means the right of a person to enter a facility to  
24 communicate privately and without unreasonable restriction when

1 invited to do so by a resident. The state or local "ombudsman", as  
2 that term is defined by the Aging Services Division of the  
3 Department of Human Services pursuant to the Older Americans' Act,  
4 42 U.S.C.A., Section 3001 et seq., as amended, and a case manager  
5 employed by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
6 Services or one of its contract agencies shall have right of access  
7 to enter a facility, communicate privately and without unreasonable  
8 restriction with any resident who consents to the communication, to  
9 seek consent to communicate privately and without restriction with  
10 any resident, and to observe all areas of the facility that directly  
11 pertain to the patient care of the resident without infringing upon  
12 the privacy of the other residents without first obtaining their  
13 consent;

14 3. "Administrator" means the person licensed by the State of  
15 Oklahoma who is in charge of a facility. An administrator must  
16 devote at least one-third (1/3) of such person's working time to on-  
17 the-job supervision of the facility; provided that this requirement  
18 shall not apply to an administrator of an intermediate care facility  
19 for ~~the mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual disabilities  
20 with sixteen or fewer beds ~~(ICF-MR/16)~~ (ICF/IID-16), in which case  
21 the person licensed by the state may be in charge of more than one  
22 ~~ICF-MR/16~~ such ICF/IID-16 facility, if such facilities are located  
23 within a circle that has a radius of not more than fifteen (15)  
24 miles, the total number of facilities and beds does not exceed six

1 facilities and sixty-four beds, and each ~~ICF-MR/16~~ such ICF/IID-16  
2 facility is supervised by a qualified ~~mental retardation~~  
3 professional. The facilities may be free-standing in a community or  
4 may be on campus with a parent institution. The ~~ICF-MR/16~~ ICF/IID-  
5 16 facility may be independently owned and operated or may be part  
6 of a larger institutional operation;

7 4. "Advisory Board" means the Long-Term Care Facility Advisory  
8 Board;

9 5. "Adult companion home" means any home or establishment,  
10 funded and certified by the Department of Human Services, which  
11 provides homelike residential accommodations and supportive  
12 assistance to three or fewer ~~mentally retarded or developmentally~~  
13 ~~disabled~~ adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

14 6. "Board" means State Board of Health;

15 7. "Commissioner" means State Commissioner of Health;

16 8. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

17 9. "Facility" means a nursing facility and a specialized home;  
18 provided this term shall not include a residential care home or an  
19 adult companion home;

20 10. "Nursing facility" means a home, an establishment or an  
21 institution, a distinct part of which is primarily engaged in  
22 providing:

23 a. skilled nursing care and related services for  
24 residents who require medical or nursing care,

- 1           b.    rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of  
2                injured, disabled, or sick persons, or
- 3           c.    on a regular basis, health-related care and services  
4                to individuals who because of their mental or physical  
5                condition require care and services beyond the level  
6                of care provided by a residential care home and which  
7                can be made available to them only through a nursing  
8                facility.

9 "Nursing facility" does not mean, for purposes of Section 1-851.1 of  
10 this title, a facility constructed or operated by an entity  
11 described in paragraph 7 of subsection B of Section 6201 of Title 74  
12 of the Oklahoma Statutes or the nursing care component of a  
13 continuum of care facility, as such term is defined under the  
14 Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act, to the extent that the  
15 facility constructed or operated by an entity described in paragraph  
16 7 of subsection B of Section 6201 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma  
17 Statutes contains such a nursing care component;

18        11. "Specialized facility" means any home, establishment, or  
19 institution which offers or provides inpatient long-term care  
20 services on a twenty-four-hour basis to a limited category of  
21 persons requiring such services, including but not limited to a  
22 facility providing health or habilitation services for ~~mentally~~  
23 ~~retarded or developmentally disabled persons~~ individuals with  
24 intellectual or developmental disabilities, but does not mean, for



1 purposes of Section 1-851.1 of this title, a facility constructed or  
2 operated by an entity described in paragraph 7 of subsection B of  
3 Section 6201 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes or the nursing  
4 care component of a continuum of care facility, as such term is  
5 defined under the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act, to the  
6 extent that the facility constructed or operated by an entity  
7 described in paragraph 7 of subsection B of Section 6201 of Title 74  
8 of the Oklahoma Statutes contains such a nursing care component;

9 12. "Residential care home" means any home, establishment, or  
10 institution licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Residential  
11 Care Act other than a hotel, motel, fraternity or sorority house, or  
12 college or university dormitory, which offers or provides  
13 residential accommodations, food service, and supportive assistance  
14 to any of its residents or houses any resident requiring supportive  
15 assistance. The residents shall be persons who are ambulatory and  
16 essentially capable of managing their own affairs, but who do not  
17 routinely require nursing care; provided, the term "residential care  
18 home" shall not mean a hotel, motel, fraternity or sorority house,  
19 or college or university dormitory, if the facility operates in a  
20 manner customary to its description and does not house any person  
21 who requires supportive assistance from the facility in order to  
22 meet an adequate level of daily living;

23 13. "Licensee" means the person, a corporation, partnership, or  
24 association who is the owner of the facility which is licensed by

1 the Department pursuant to the provisions of the Nursing Home Care  
2 Act;

3 14. "Maintenance" means meals, shelter, and laundry services;

4 15. "Neglect" means failure to provide goods and/or services  
5 necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness;

6 16. "Owner" means a person, corporation, partnership,  
7 association, or other entity which owns a facility or leases a  
8 facility. The person or entity that stands to profit or lose as a  
9 result of the financial success or failure of the operation shall be  
10 presumed to be the owner of the facility. Notwithstanding the  
11 foregoing, any nonstate governmental entity that has acquired and  
12 owns or leases a facility and that has entered into an agreement  
13 with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to participate in the  
14 nursing facility supplemental payment program ("UPL Owner") shall be  
15 deemed the owner of such facility and shall be authorized to obtain  
16 management services from a management services provider ("UPL  
17 Manager"), and to delegate, allocate and assign as between the UPL  
18 Owner and UPL Manager, compensation, profits, losses, liabilities,  
19 decision-making authority and responsibilities, including  
20 responsibility for the employment, direction, supervision and  
21 control of the facility's administrator and staff;

22 17. "Personal care" means assistance with meals, dressing,  
23 movement, bathing or other personal needs or maintenance, or general  
24 supervision of the physical and mental well-being of a person, who

1 is incapable of maintaining a private, independent residence, or who  
2 is incapable of managing his person, whether or not a guardian has  
3 been appointed for such person;

4 18. "Resident" means a person residing in a facility due to  
5 illness, physical or mental infirmity, or advanced age;

6 19. "Representative of a resident" means a court-appointed  
7 guardian or, if there is no court-appointed guardian, the parent of  
8 a minor, a relative, or other person, designated in writing by the  
9 resident; provided, that any owner, operator, administrator or  
10 employee of a facility subject to the provisions of the Nursing Home  
11 Care Act, the Residential Care Act, or the Group Homes for the  
12 Developmentally Disabled or Physically Handicapped Persons Act shall  
13 not be appointed guardian or limited guardian of a resident of the  
14 facility unless the owner, operator, administrator or employee is  
15 the spouse of the resident, or a relative of the resident within the  
16 second degree of consanguinity and is otherwise eligible for  
17 appointment; and

18 20. "Supportive assistance" means the service rendered to any  
19 person which is less than the service provided by a nursing facility  
20 but which is sufficient to enable the person to meet an adequate  
21 level of daily living. Supportive assistance includes but is not  
22 limited to housekeeping, assistance in the preparation of meals,  
23 assistance in the safe storage, distribution, and administration of  
24 medications, and assistance in personal care as is necessary for the

1 health and comfort of such person. Supportive assistance shall not  
2 include medical service.

3 SECTION 56. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-1912, as  
4 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2014 (63 O.S. Supp.  
5 2018, Section 1-1912), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1-1912. A. The State Department of Health shall  
7 promptly serve a notice of violation upon a licensee whenever, upon  
8 inspection or investigation, the Department determines that:

9 1. The facility is in violation of the Nursing Home Care Act,  
10 any rule promulgated thereunder, or applicable federal certification  
11 criteria; or

12 2. The financial condition of the facility poses an immediate  
13 risk to the proper operation of the facility or to the health,  
14 safety or welfare of the residents of the facility.

15 B. Each notice of violation shall be prepared in writing and  
16 shall specify the nature of the violation, and the statutory  
17 provision, rule or standard alleged to have been violated. The  
18 notice of violation shall inform the licensee of its obligation to  
19 file a plan of correction within ten (10) working days of receipt of  
20 the notice of violation. In the case of a specialized facility for  
21 ~~persons~~ individuals with ~~mental retardation~~ intellectual  
22 disabilities, the Department shall offer the licensee an informal  
23 opportunity comparable to the process offered to Medicaid-certified  
24

1 nursing facilities pursuant to 42 CFR 488.331, in order to dispute  
2 the alleged violations.

3 C. The Department shall notify the licensee of its intent to  
4 take any remedial action, impose administrative penalties, place a  
5 monitor or temporary manager in the facility, issue a conditional  
6 license, or suspend or revoke a license. The Department shall also  
7 inform the licensee of the right to an informal dispute resolution,  
8 hearing, or both.

9 D. Whenever the Department finds that an emergency exists  
10 requiring immediate action to protect the health, safety or welfare  
11 of any resident of a facility licensed pursuant to the provisions of  
12 the Nursing Home Care Act, the Department may, without notice of  
13 hearing, issue an order stating the existence of such an emergency  
14 and requiring that action be taken as deemed necessary by the  
15 Department to meet the emergency. The order shall be effective  
16 immediately. Any person to whom such an order is directed shall  
17 comply with such order immediately but, upon application to the  
18 Department, shall be afforded a hearing within ten (10) business  
19 days of receipt of the application. On the basis of such hearing,  
20 the Department may continue the order in effect, revoke it, or  
21 modify it. Any person aggrieved by such order continued after the  
22 hearing provided in this subsection may appeal to the district court  
23 in Oklahoma County within thirty (30) days. Such appeal when  
24 docketed shall have priority over all cases pending on the docket,

1 except criminal cases. For purposes of this subsection, the State  
2 Board of Health shall define by rule the term "emergency" to  
3 include, but not be limited to, a life-endangering situation.

4 E. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a plan of correction  
5 by the State Department of Health from any facility operated by the  
6 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, the State Department of  
7 Health shall submit the results of the inspection, including a list  
8 of deficiencies in the condition or operation of the facility and  
9 recommendations for corrective measures in the form of a written  
10 report to the person immediately responsible for the administration  
11 of the facility inspected, to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
12 Affairs, to the Governor, to the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, and to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

14 F. At the conclusion of an inspection, survey, or  
15 investigation, the survey team's observations and preliminary  
16 findings shall be discussed in an exit conference with the facility  
17 personnel. During the exit conference, the facility shall be  
18 provided with the opportunity to discuss and supply additional  
19 information that they believe is pertinent to the preliminary  
20 findings. The following shall be provided to the facility:

21 1. A written list containing preliminary areas of potential  
22 noncompliance with state requirements based on findings during the  
23 survey, inspection or investigation. The information provided  
24 should be adequate to notify staff of surveyor concerns regarding

1 preliminary findings that indicate actual harm or substandard  
2 quality of care; and

3 2. Any additional noncompliance with state requirements  
4 determined during the review of field notes or in preparation of the  
5 final survey report will be communicated to the facility personnel  
6 by email or phone before issuing the final survey report.

7 SECTION 57. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 330.51, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 330.51. For the purposes of ~~this act~~ Section 330.51 et  
10 seq. of this title, and as used herein:

11 1. "Board" means the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for  
12 Long-Term Care Administrators;

13 2. "Long-term care administrator" means a person licensed or  
14 certified as a nursing facility administrator, an assisted living  
15 facility administrator, a residential care facility administrator,  
16 or an adult day care center administrator pursuant to ~~this act~~  
17 Section 330.51 et seq. of this title. A long-term care  
18 administrator must devote at least one-half (1/2) of such person's  
19 working time to on-the-job supervision of a long-term care facility;  
20 provided that this requirement shall not apply to an administrator  
21 of an intermediate care facility for ~~the mentally retarded~~  
22 individuals with intellectual disabilities with sixteen or fewer  
23 beds ~~(ICF-MR/16)~~ (ICF/IID-16), in which case the person licensed by  
24 the state may be in charge of more than one ~~ICF-MR/16~~ ICF/IID-16, if

1 such facilities are located within a circle that has a radius of not  
2 more than fifteen (15) miles, and the total number of facilities and  
3 beds does not exceed six facilities and sixty-four beds. The  
4 facilities may be free-standing in a community or may be on campus  
5 with a parent institution. The ~~ICF-MR/16~~ ICF/IID-16 may be  
6 independently owned and operated or may be part of a larger  
7 institutional ownership and operation;

8 3. "Nursing facility administrator" means a person licensed by  
9 the State of Oklahoma to perform the duties of an administrator  
10 serving in a skilled nursing or nursing or ICF/MR facility;

11 4. "Assisted living facility administrator" means a person  
12 licensed or certified by the State of Oklahoma to perform the duties  
13 of an administrator serving in an assisted living facility;

14 5. "Residential care facility administrator" means a person  
15 licensed or certified by the State of Oklahoma to perform the duties  
16 of an administrator serving in a residential care facility;

17 6. "Adult day care center administrator" means a person  
18 licensed or certified by the State of Oklahoma to perform the duties  
19 of an administrator serving in an adult day care center; and

20 7. "Nursing home", "rest home" and "specialized home" shall  
21 have the same meaning as the term "nursing facility" as such term is  
22 defined in the Nursing Home Care Act; "assisted living center" and  
23 "continuum of care facility" shall have the same meaning as such  
24 terms are defined in the Continuum of Care and Assisted Living Act;



1 "home" and "residential care home" shall have the same meaning as  
2 the terms are used in the Residential Care Act; and "adult day care  
3 center" and "center" shall have the same meaning as such terms are  
4 used in the Adult Day Care Act.

5 SECTION 58. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 5026, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 5026. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board  
8 shall, in administering the Medicaid prescription drug program,  
9 utilize the following definition for "phenylketonuria" to mean: An  
10 inborn error of metabolism attributable to a deficiency of or a  
11 defect in phenylalanine hydroxylase, the enzyme that catalyzes the  
12 conversion of phenylalanine to tyrosine. The deficiency permits the  
13 accumulation of phenylalanine and its metabolic products in the body  
14 fluids. The deficiency can result in ~~mental retardation~~  
15 intellectual disabilities (phenylpyruvic oligophrenia), neurologic  
16 manifestations (including hyperkinesia, epilepsy, and microcephaly),  
17 light pigmentation, and eczema. The disorder is transmitted as an  
18 autosomal recessive trait and can be treated by administration of a  
19 diet low in phenylalanine.

20 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board shall promulgate  
21 any rules necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 59. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5060 of Title 63, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       A. Where practicable and in accordance with state and federal  
2 law, the state Medicaid program shall not contract with an out-of-  
3 state medical provider for treatment that is available from one or  
4 more providers licensed and practicing in the state of Oklahoma.

5       B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall seek any federal  
6 approval necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

7       SECTION 60.       AMENDATORY       70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-105, as  
8 last amended by Enrolled House Bill No. 1050 of the 1st Session of  
9 the 57th Legislature (70 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6-105), is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11       Section 6-105. A. If, because of sickness or other reason, a  
12 teacher is temporarily unable to perform regular duties, a  
13 substitute teacher may be employed for the position for the time of  
14 the absence. A substitute teacher shall be paid in an amount and  
15 under such terms as may be agreed upon in advance by the substitute  
16 teacher and the board of education or according to regulations of  
17 the board. If a teacher is absent for reason of personal business  
18 the school district shall deduct from the salary of the teacher only  
19 the amount necessary to pay the substitute.

20       B. No substitute teacher shall be employed for a total period  
21 of time in excess of one hundred thirty-five (135) school days  
22 during a school year; or one hundred forty-five (145) school days  
23 during the school year if the substitute teacher holds a lapsed or  
24 expired certificate or has a bachelors level college degree; or no

1 limit of school days during the school year if the substitute  
2 teacher holds a valid certificate. Each school district shall adopt  
3 a policy which sets forth the maximum number of days a substitute  
4 teacher may be employed for the same assignment if the substitute  
5 teacher does not hold a valid certificate.

6 C. Substitute teachers who do not hold a valid certificate and  
7 who are employed to teach special education for students with  
8 physical disabilities or students with ~~mental-retardation~~  
9 intellectual disabilities shall not be subject to the restrictions  
10 on total time a substitute teacher may be employed if no certified  
11 teachers are available to teach such students and the students would  
12 be denied instruction in special education if the substitute teacher  
13 were not employed. Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, any  
14 substitute teacher employed to teach special education for the same  
15 assignment for more than fifteen (15) consecutive or thirty (30)  
16 total school days during a school year who does not hold a valid  
17 certificate to teach special education shall be required to complete  
18 in-service training as prescribed by the State Board of Education.  
19 The training shall be provided at no cost to the substitute teacher.  
20 Availability of certified teachers shall be determined after the  
21 school has consulted the State Board of Education and any other  
22 resources for filling the vacant position with a certified teacher.

23 D. A school district may request a waiver of the restrictions  
24 on total time a substitute teacher may be employed from the State

1 Board of Education for a substitute teacher who does not hold a  
2 valid certificate. The school district shall submit evidence on the  
3 availability of certified substitute teachers and the qualifications  
4 of the substitute teacher. The Board shall develop procedures for  
5 the filing and processing of substitute teacher waivers pursuant to  
6 this subsection.

7 E. Payment of salary to a substitute shall have no effect on  
8 the amount of salary to which the absent regular teacher is entitled  
9 under the applicable leave plan.

10 F. Any substitute or cadet teacher employed in any school  
11 system on a monthly or annual basis shall hold a certificate and  
12 have a written contract in the manner and under the same conditions  
13 as for regular teachers.

14 G. Teachers who are members of the Reserve Forces of the Army,  
15 the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Air Force, or any  
16 other component of the Armed Forces of the United States, including  
17 members of the Air or Army National Guard, shall, when ordered by  
18 the proper authority to active duty or service, be entitled to a  
19 leave of absence from such civil employment for the period of such  
20 active service without loss of status or efficiency rating and  
21 without loss of pay during the first thirty (30) days of such leave  
22 of absence.

23 H. School districts in this state may contract with outside  
24 providers for the training and employment of substitute teachers.

1 The State Board of Education shall promulgate guidelines to assist  
2 school districts in the sanctioning and approval of an outside  
3 provider in accordance with this section.

4 SECTION 61. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 255, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 255. The heads of the departments except as otherwise  
7 herein provided are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint  
8 persons to hold positions created in their respective departments.  
9 The persons so appointed shall hold office at the will of such state  
10 officer and in the case of all boards and commissioners, such board  
11 or commission shall, by vote thereof, except as otherwise provided,  
12 appoint persons to hold positions created under such boards or  
13 commissions by this act, and the ~~said~~ persons so appointed shall  
14 hold office at the will of such officer, boards or commissions  
15 making ~~said~~ the appointment, provided that any board or commission  
16 may authorize the secretary of such board or commission to make ~~said~~  
17 the appointment.

18 Provided further, that it shall be unlawful for the heads of any  
19 department, or any departments, except institutions of higher  
20 learning and state hospitals, the State Health Department, the  
21 Highway Department in the employment of engineers and technicians,  
22 schools for ~~mentally retarded~~ individuals with intellectual  
23 disabilities and State Veterans Facilities as pertains to doctors,  
24 dentists, nurses and other trained technicians, to employ in any way

1 any person who is not a citizen of the United States, and repealing  
2 all laws in conflict herewith. The provisions of this act shall in  
3 no way be interpreted to repeal any provision of the laws heretofore  
4 enacted creating the Merit System of the State of Oklahoma.

5 SECTION 62. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019."

6 Passed the Senate the 24th day of April, 2019.

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10 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2341

By: Roberts (Sean) of the House

3 and

4 Smalley of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to physical therapy; amending 59 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 887.17, as last amended by Section 3,  
9 Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section  
10 887.17), which relates to referrals by physicians,  
11 surgeons, or assistants thereof; broadening  
12 practitioners who may make referrals; updating  
13 statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 63. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 887.17, as  
16 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.  
17 2018, Section 887.17), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 887.17 A. 1. Except for workers' compensation claims,  
19 any person licensed under the Physical Therapy Practice Act as a  
20 physical therapist shall be able to evaluate and treat human  
21 ailments by physical therapy on a patient without a referral from a  
22 licensed health care practitioner for a period not to exceed thirty  
23 (30) days. Treatment may be provided by a physical therapist  
24 assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist. Any  
treatment provided beyond the thirty-day period shall be only under

1 the referral of a person licensed as a physician or surgeon with  
2 unlimited license, or the physician assistant of the person so  
3 licensed, and Doctors of Dentistry, Chiropractic and Podiatry and an  
4 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, with those referrals being  
5 limited to their respective areas of training and practice.

6 2. A physical therapist may provide services within the scope  
7 of physical therapy practice without a physician referral to  
8 children who receive physical therapy services pursuant to the  
9 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, as  
10 may be amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,  
11 ~~Section 504~~, as may be amended. Provided further, a plan of care  
12 developed by a person authorized to provide services within the  
13 scope of the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall be deemed to be a  
14 prescription for purposes of providing services pursuant to the  
15 provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education  
16 Improvement Act of 2004, as may be amended, and Section 504 of the  
17 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as may be amended.

18 3. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall prevent a  
19 physical therapist from performing screening and educational  
20 procedures within the scope of physical therapy practice without a  
21 physician referral.

22 4. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall prevent a  
23 physical therapist from performing services that are provided for  
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1 the purpose of fitness, wellness, or prevention that is not related  
2 to the treatment of an injury or ailment.

3 5. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall be  
4 construed as authorization for a physical therapist or physical  
5 therapist assistant to practice any branch of the healing art.

6 6. Any person violating the provisions of the Physical Therapy  
7 Practice Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as per Section 887.16  
8 of this title.

9 B. 1. The provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act are  
10 not intended to limit the activities of persons legitimately engaged  
11 in the nontherapeutic administration of baths, massage, and normal  
12 exercise.

13 2. The Physical Therapy Practice Act shall not prohibit  
14 students who are enrolled in schools of physical therapy approved by  
15 the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision from performing  
16 such work as is incidental to their course of study; nor shall it  
17 prevent any student in any recognized school of the healing art in  
18 carrying out prescribed courses of study; provided such school is a  
19 recognized institution by the statutes of Oklahoma, and its  
20 practitioners are duly licensed as prescribed by law.

21 3. Nothing in the Physical Therapy Practice Act shall apply to  
22 any person employed by an agency, bureau, or division of the federal  
23 government while in the discharge of official duties; however, if  
24 such individual engages in the practice of physical therapy outside

1 the line of official duty, the individual must be licensed as herein  
2 provided.

3 SECTION 64. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

4 Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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