

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2642

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to children; establishing the  
8 Oversight Committee on the Delivery of Child Welfare  
9 Services; providing for duties; providing for  
10 membership; providing for appointment of cochairs;  
11 authorizing staff assistance; requiring certain  
12 report; providing for codification; and declaring an  
13 emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-10-104 of Title 10A, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. There is hereby created, to continue until January 1, 2022,  
19 the Oversight Committee on the Delivery of Child Welfare Services.  
20 The purpose of the Committee shall be to review and analyze state  
21 laws, agency rules and funding related to the delivery of child  
22 welfare services to ensure state compliance with provisions of the  
23 federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018.

24 B. Duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited  
to:

1 1. Establishing performance and outcome measures associated  
2 with the delivery of child welfare services, including but not  
3 limited to, residential out-of-home placements, foster care and  
4 adoption services and in-home services to children and families  
5 including prevention and intervention services;

6 2. Studying collaborative prevention and intervention models  
7 throughout the country and recommending ways to build or improve  
8 cross-systems collaboration in order to improve outcomes for  
9 children and families;

10 3. Evaluating and recommending one or more level-of-care tools  
11 to help ensure the placement of children in an appropriate level-of-  
12 care setting; and

13 4. Evaluating the process through which the state accesses  
14 federal funding and determining ways in which the state can maximize  
15 federal funding for the delivery of prevention and intervention  
16 services, out-of-home placement services and any other federally  
17 funded programs or services.

18 C. The Committee shall consist of twenty (20) members as  
19 follows:

20 1. Two members who are employees of the Department of Human  
21 Services, one of whom has programmatic responsibility for child  
22 welfare services and one of whom has expertise in child welfare  
23 services funding, appointed by the Director of the Department of  
24 Human Services;

1           2. One member who is an employee of the Oklahoma Commission on  
2 Children and Youth, appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma  
3 Commission on Children and Youth;

4           3. One member who is an employee of the Oklahoma Health Care  
5 Authority and has knowledge of Medicaid funding for child-welfare-  
6 related services, appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the  
7 Oklahoma Health Care Authority;

8           4. One member who is an employee of the Oklahoma State  
9 Department of Health and who has programmatic responsibility for  
10 child abuse prevention programs, appointed by the Commissioner of  
11 Health;

12           5. One member who is an employee of the Oklahoma Department of  
13 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and has expertise in  
14 children's mental health services, appointed by the Commissioner of  
15 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

16           6. Two members who are employees of the University of Oklahoma  
17 Health Sciences Center, Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, one of  
18 whom has expertise in the field of child abuse prevention and one of  
19 whom has expertise in the field of trauma services, appointed by the  
20 Director of the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect;

21           7. Six members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
22 Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:  
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- a. one shall be a representative of a community-based provider of foster care services in a rural area of the state,
- b. one shall be a representative of a not-for-profit provider of home-based child abuse prevention and intervention services,
- c. one shall be a presiding judge of a court having juvenile law jurisdiction, and
- d. three shall be members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, one of whom shall serve on the Appropriations and Budget Committee; and

8. Six members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate as follows:

- a. one shall be a representative of a community-based provider of therapeutic foster care services in an urban area of the state,
- b. one shall be a representative of a not-for-profit provider of home-based child abuse prevention and intervention services,
- c. one shall be a presiding judge of a court having juvenile law jurisdiction, and
- d. three shall be members of the Oklahoma State Senate, one of whom shall serve on the Appropriations Committee.

1 D. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
2 authorities. A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the  
3 original appointing authority.

4 2. Appointments to the Committee shall be made by November 1,  
5 2019.

6 3. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute  
7 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act  
8 for the Committee.

9 4. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the  
10 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate shall each designate a  
11 cochair from among the legislative members of the Committee.

12 E. Members shall serve without compensation and without travel  
13 reimbursement.

14 F. The Committee may use the expertise and services of the  
15 staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma  
16 State Senate and may, as necessary, consult with experts in the  
17 field of child welfare-related programs and services at no cost to  
18 the state.

19 G. All departments, officers, agencies and employees of this  
20 state shall cooperate with the Committee in fulfilling its duties  
21 and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing any  
22 information, records or reports requested by the Committee.

23 H. The Committee may make written recommendations, as needed,  
24 to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and to the

1 Speaker Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate; provided, a report  
2 of the findings and recommendations of the Committee shall be  
3 submitted no later than November 1 of each year.

4 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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