

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 690

By: David of the Senate

and

Moore of the House

An Act relating to social work; directing State Regents for Higher Education, Adjutant General and schools of social work to collaborate for certain purposes; directing promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Social work

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2059 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Regents for Higher Education, Oklahoma Military Department, and schools of social work in this state shall develop a Guard Advocacy Program (GAP) for Oklahoma National Guard soldiers and airmen. The Program shall include curricula designed to:

1. Facilitate and improve access to community resources that improve health;

2. Increase social support;

3. Increase productivity; and

4. Prevent life-skills and life-crisis issues from developing into behavioral health emergencies.

B. The information, records, materials and reports related to the provision of services authorized under subsection A of this section shall remain confidential and contain privileged information. Such records, materials and reports shall not be open to public inspection nor their contents disclosed.

C. The State Regents for Higher Education, the Adjutant General and the State Board of Licensed Social Workers shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval. Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2017.

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