1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION 2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017) 4 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 748 By: Griffin and Pittman of the 5 Senate 6 and Baker of the House 7 8 9 [Department of Human Services - pilot program -10 codification - effective date] 11 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: A new section of law to be codified SECTION 1. NEW LAW 14 15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2-111 of Title 10A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows: 16 The Department of Human Services may, subject to available 17 Α. funding and in consultation with an evaluation team created pursuant 18 to this section, create a pilot program to improve socioeconomic 19 20 outcomes for children in state custody. If implemented by the Department, the pilot program shall: 21 В. Identify the populations of children in state custody and 22 the characteristics of those children including, but not limited to, 23

populations in which parental drug and/or alcohol abuse, mental

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- 1 | illness, mental and/or physical disability and domestic abuse are an 2 | issue;
 - 2. Develop and design programs to provide services to children in state custody;
 - 3. Develop methods for coordinating state and local services to assist children and their families;
 - 4. Allow and provide for participation of both urban and rural concerns in developing and designing such programs;
 - 5. Monitor, evaluate and review the programs implemented to serve populations of children in state custody; and
 - 6. Include such other areas, programs, services and information deemed necessary by the Department to provide a comprehensive assessment of the needs and programs necessary to provide assistance to children in state custody.
 - C. An evaluation team shall determine the effectiveness of the pilot program and make a report to the Legislature and to the Department annually thereafter. Such report shall cover:
 - Effective programs that will serve children in state custody;
 - 2. The potential for statewide expansion of programs;
 - 3. Funding sources from public and private partnerships;
- 4. Training of professionals to serve children in state custody;

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- 5. Monitoring, evaluating and reviewing continued effectiveness of such programs;
 - 6. Special needs of children in state custody from parental addiction to drugs and alcohol and parental mental illness and mental and/or physical disability and from domestic abuse; and
 - 7. Recommendations regarding the issuance of grants and contracts for serving such populations.
 - D. The evaluation team shall consist of not more than two (2) representatives from the following entities who have expertise in child abuse prevention, juvenile delinquency or a related field and who have an understanding of program evaluation techniques:
 - 1. The Department of Human Services;

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- 2. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
 - 3. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;
 - 4. A statewide organization advocating for children's issues;
 - 5. A statewide organization representing children in court;
 - 6. The University of Oklahoma;
 - 7. Oklahoma State University; and
 - 8. The Office of Juvenile Affairs.
- E. 1. Upon receipt of recommendations from the evaluation team
 established pursuant to this section, which indicate that the
 expansion of the pilot project on a statewide basis would be
 economically feasible and practical, the Department for Human

1	Services may promulgate rules for developing a statewide program
2	based on the findings of the pilot program.
3	F. The Department may:
4	1. Contract for services necessary to carry out the duties of
5	the Department pursuant to the provisions of this section; and
6	2. Accept the services of volunteer workers or consultants,
7	provided no compensation be provided for such services.
8	G. The Department of Human Services may promulgate rules to
9	implement the provisions of this section.
10	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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12	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
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