

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 844

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health services funding; requiring certain funding appropriation; requiring certain calculation of funding; requiring certain request issuance; requiring certain submission requirements by county governments; requiring certain annual reporting; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 631, which relates to the County Community Safety Investment Fund; providing funds to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for certain distribution; requiring certain services listing; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 633, which relates to appropriations to the County Community Safety Investment Fund; modifying certain savings calculation responsibility; authorizing certain fund allocation; amending 57 O.S. 2021, Section 632, which relates to savings and averted costs; modifying certain savings and averted costs calculation responsibility; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 2-312 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be appropriated funds to provide grants to county governments for the purpose of providing mental health services. The amount of

1 funding shall be based on the savings from the reduction of the
2 number and length of incarcerations attributed to the enactment of
3 State Question 780. The Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency
4 shall calculate the annual dollar amount of savings.

5 B. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
6 shall issue a request for proposals by which county governments or
7 multi-county partnerships may apply for funds for the development
8 and implementation of mental health and substance abuse
9 rehabilitation, diversion from the criminal justice system,
10 treatment, employment, or housing programs. The request must
11 include but is not limited to the proposed services, number of
12 individuals to be served by the proposed services or programs, and
13 the manner in which the services or programs will partner or be
14 supported by local Department-contracted or -certified entities.
15 Allocation of funds shall be based on the total county population.

16 C. Interested county governments shall submit all necessary
17 documents to meet the requirements outlined in the request for the
18 proposal to be considered. The number of awards and funding amounts
19 of each award will be at the discretion of the Department and will
20 be based on total available funds, and items in subsection B of this
21 section.

22 D. The Department shall provide an annual report to the
23 Legislature which includes the amount awarded to each county
24 government and a summary of services provided by successful bidders.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 631, is

2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 631. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
4 a revolving fund to be designated the "County Community Safety
5 Investment Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
6 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received
7 pursuant to Section 633 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 B. All monies appropriated and accruing to the credit of the
9 fund shall be budgeted ~~and expended by the Office of Management and~~
10 ~~Enterprise Services for the sole purpose of providing funds to the~~
11 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in its
12 annual budget to distribute within counties to provide community
13 rehabilitative programming, including but not limited to mental
14 health and substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, education,
15 supportive employment, healthcare, data collection, and related
16 technology services. Funds shall be disbursed in proportion to
17 county population, as reported in the most recent census.

18 C. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
19 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
20 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
21 Services for approval and payment.

22 D. ~~The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise~~
23 ~~Services~~ Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
24 shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this

1 act, including listing qualifying evidence-based services eligible
2 for funding to include but not be limited to mental health services,
3 substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation, education, supportive
4 employment, healthcare, data collection, and related technology
5 services.

6 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 632, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 632. No later than July 31 of the year following the
9 effective date of this act, and no later than July 31 every year
10 thereafter, the ~~Office of Management and Enterprise Services~~
11 Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency shall calculate the
12 savings and averted costs that accrued to the state from the
13 implementation of the Oklahoma Smart Justice Reform Act. In making
14 the calculation required by this section, the ~~Office of Management~~
15 ~~and Enterprise Services~~ Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency
16 shall use actual data or best available estimates where actual data
17 is not available. The calculation shall be final and shall not be
18 adjusted for any subsequent changes in the underlying data.

19 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2021, Section 633, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 633. An amount equal to the savings calculated by the
22 ~~Office of Management and Enterprise Services~~ Legislative Office of
23 Fiscal Transparency pursuant to Section 632 of Title 57 shall,
24 subject to appropriation by the Legislature, be paid to the County

1 Community Safety Investment Fund for allocation by the Department of
2 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services within counties.

3 This section is intended to comply with, and is subject to,
4 Article V, Section 55, Article VI, Section 12, Article X, Section
5 23, and the other applicable provisions of the Oklahoma
6 Constitution.

7 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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