

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 511

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8 An Act relating to the prevention of child
9 homelessness; providing short title; creating the
10 Advisory Council on Child Homelessness; providing
11 expiration date; stating purpose; providing for
12 appointments; specifying date by which appointments
13 are made; providing for vacancies; providing for
14 designation of cochairs; specifying quorum; providing
15 for meetings and staffing; requiring compliance with
16 certain laws; providing for determination of meeting
17 dates; requiring examination of certain information;
18 requiring report; providing for codification;
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-123 of Title 10A, unless
24 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Child Homelessness Prevention Act".

1 B. There is hereby created to continue until September 1, 2016,
2 the Advisory Council on Child Homelessness. The purpose of the
3 Advisory Council shall be to:

4 1. Review data and propose policy solutions relating to the
5 issue of child homelessness; and

6 2. Update the Oklahoma State Legislature on existing programs
7 to reduce child homelessness including, but not limited to, programs
8 administered or financed in whole or in part by any agency of this
9 state, nonprofit organizations or private-sector entities.

10 C. The Advisory Council shall consist of eleven (11) members to
11 be appointed as follows:

12 1. Four shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
13 Representatives as follows:

14 a. one shall be a member of the majority party of the
15 House of Representatives with knowledge of human
16 services issues,

17 b. one shall be a member of the minority party of the
18 House of Representatives with knowledge of human
19 services issues,

20 c. one shall be a representative of the social services
21 nonprofit community, and

22 d. one shall be a member of the mental health and
23 substance abuse services community;

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1 2. Four shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
2 Senate as follows:

- 3 a. one shall be a member of the majority party of the
4 Senate with knowledge of human services issues,
- 5 b. one shall be a member of the minority party of the
6 Senate with knowledge of human services issues,
- 7 c. one shall be a representative of the education
8 community, and
- 9 d. one shall be a member of the juvenile justice
10 community; and

11 3. Three shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- 12 a. one shall be the Director of Human Services or a
13 designee,
- 14 b. one shall be the State Commissioner of Health or a
15 designee, and
- 16 c. one shall be the Commissioner of Mental Health and
17 Substance Abuse Services or a designee.

18 D. Appointments to the Advisory Council shall be made by
19 September 1, 2015. Advisory Council members shall serve at the
20 pleasure of their appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Advisory
21 Council shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

22 E. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair from among
24 the members of the Advisory Council. A majority of the members of

1 the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum to do business. The
2 Senate and House of Representatives shall, at the discretion of the
3 President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives, provide staff support to the Advisory Council as
5 necessary to assist in the performance of its duties.

6 F. The proceedings of all meetings of the Advisory Council
7 shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act
8 and Oklahoma Open Records Act. Members of the Advisory Council
9 shall determine meeting dates.

10 G. The Advisory Council shall include an examination of the
11 following in its assessment and recommendations:

12 1. State trends in the number of children who are homeless or
13 are at risk of becoming homeless;

14 2. The state's role in providing services to children and youth
15 who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless;

16 3. State policy regarding homeless children and youth; and

17 4. Existing services, resources, and capacity including, but
18 not limited to, the availability of publicly or privately provided
19 resources to children and youth who are homeless or at risk of
20 becoming homeless.

21 H. The Advisory Council shall submit a report to the President
22 Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives by September 1, 2016, describing assessment and
24 recommendations provided for by subsection G of this act.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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