

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE

5 BILL NO. 511

 By: Floyd and Pittman of the
 Senate

6 and

7 Denney of the House

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10 An Act relating to child homelessness; amending 10
11 O.S. 2011, Section 601.9, which relates to duties of
12 the Office of Planning and Coordination; broadening
13 scope of certain reports to include homeless children
14 and youth; directing Office of Planning and
15 Coordination to review certain data and provide
16 certain assessment; providing guidelines for
17 assessment; requiring submission of certain report;
18 providing for codification; providing an effective
19 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2011, Section 601.9, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 601.9. A. The Office of Planning and Coordination
22 shall:

23 1. Make recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on Children
24 and Youth regarding the development and improvement of services

1 provided to children and youth based upon community partnership
2 input no later than May 1 of each year; and

3 2. Forward a report of its recommendations to each agency
4 affected by the recommendations.

5 B. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall evaluate
6 and review the development and quality of services to children and
7 youth and shall:

8 1. Publish and distribute an annual report of its findings on
9 or before July 1 of each year to the Governor, the Speaker of the
10 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
11 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, and
12 to the chief administrative officer of each agency affected by the
13 report. Such report shall include activities of the Commission,
14 recommendations for the further development and improvement of
15 services to children and youth, services for homeless children and
16 youth, and budget and program needs; and

17 2. Include in its annual report the State Plan for Services to
18 Children and Youth for the next succeeding fiscal year. The State
19 Plan for Services to Children and Youth shall:

20 a. identify and establish outcomes, goals and priorities
21 for services for children and youth, including
22 homeless children and youth, and the estimated costs
23 of implementing such goals and priorities,
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- 1 b. show previous and current expenditures for state and
2 state-supported services to children and youth,
3 including homeless children and youth, which relate to
4 the outcomes identified in the State Plan,
- 5 c. include information concerning the availability and
6 accessibility of various human services, health,
7 mental health and education programs that serve
8 children and their families at the community level,
9 and, when applicable, establish a plan for developing
10 programs in areas of the state where the need for such
11 services exists,
- 12 d. include such other information or recommendations as
13 may be necessary and appropriate for the improvement
14 and coordinated development of the children, youth,
15 and family service system, and
- 16 e. be distributed as provided by paragraph 1 of this
17 section and shall be made available to the general
18 public.

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 601.6c of Title 10, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. The Office of Planning and Coordination for Services to
23 Children and Youth Steering Committee shall:

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

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

7 B. The Steering Committee shall include an examination of the
8 following in its assessment and recommendations:

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

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

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

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

18 C. The Steering Committee shall submit a report to the
19 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
20 Representatives by December 31, 2015, and annually thereafter,
21 describing assessment and recommendations provided for by this act.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

23 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 04/01/2015 - DO PASS.

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