

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 511

By: Floyd

4
5
6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the prevention of child
8 homelessness; providing short title; creating the
9 Advisory Council on Child Homelessness; providing
10 expiration date; stating purpose; providing for
11 appointments; specifying date by which appointments
12 are made; providing for vacancies; providing for
13 designation of cochairs; specifying quorum; providing
14 for meetings and staffing; stating that Advisory
15 Council members shall receive no compensation;
16 providing for reimbursement; requiring examination of
17 certain information; requiring report; providing for
18 codification; providing an effective date; and
19 declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

9 1. Four shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives as follows:

11 a. one shall be a member of the majority party of the
12 House of Representatives with knowledge of human
13 services issues,

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

17 c. one shall be a representative of the social services
18 nonprofit community, and

19 d. one shall be member of the mental health and substance
20 abuse services community;

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

23 a. one shall be member of the majority party of the
24 Senate with knowledge of human services issues,

- b. one shall be a member of the minority party of the Senate with knowledge of human services issues,
- c. one shall be a representative of the education community, and
- d. one shall be a member of the juvenile justice community; and

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

- a. one shall be the Director of Human Services, or a designee,
- b. one shall be the State Commissioner of Health, or a designee, and
- c. one shall be the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or a designee.

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

E. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate a cochair from among the members of the Advisory Council. A majority of the members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Senate and House of Representatives shall, at the discretion of the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives, provide staff support to the Advisory Council as
2 necessary to assist in the performance of its duties.

3 F. Members of the Advisory Council shall determine meeting
4 dates. Members shall not be compensated for their service but may
5 be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for necessary expenses
6 incurred in the performance of their duties, as follows:

7 1. Legislative members may be reimbursed for their necessary
8 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
9 accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the
10 Oklahoma Statutes;

11 2. Nonlegislative members who are state officers or employees
12 may be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary
13 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
14 accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement
15 Act; and

16 3. Members who are not legislators or state officers or
17 employees of the state may be reimbursed by their appointing
18 authorities in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel
19 Reimbursement Act.

20 G. The proceedings of all meetings of the Advisory Council
21 shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act
22 and Oklahoma Open Records Act.

23 H. The Advisory Council shall include an examination of the
24 following in its assessment and recommendations:

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

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

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

6 4. Existing services, resources, and capacity including, but
7 not limited to, the availability of publicly or privately provided
8 resources to children and youth who are homeless or at risk of
9 becoming homeless.

10 I. The Advisory Council shall submit a report to the President
11 Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives by September 1, 2016, describing assessment and
13 recommendations provided for by subsection G of this act.

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

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

19

20 55-1-636 AM 1/22/2015 10:48:07 AM

21

22

23

24