

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 511

By: Floyd and Pittman of the
Senate

3 and

4 Denney of the House

5
6 An Act relating to child homelessness; amending 10
7 O.S. 2011, Section 601.9, which relates to duties of
8 the Office of Planning and Coordination; broadening
9 scope of certain reports to include homeless children
10 and youth; directing Office of Planning and
11 Coordination to review certain data and provide
12 certain assessment; providing guidelines for
13 assessment; requiring submission of certain report;
14 providing for codification; providing an effective
15 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

19 Section 601.9. A. The Office of Planning and Coordination
20 shall:

21 1. Make recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on Children
22 and Youth regarding the development and improvement of services
23 provided to children and youth based upon community partnership
24 input no later than May 1 of each year; and

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

1 B. The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall evaluate
2 and review the development and quality of services to children and
3 youth and shall:

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

13 2. Include in its annual report the State Plan for Services to
14 Children and Youth for the next succeeding fiscal year. The State
15 Plan for Services to Children and Youth shall:

16 a. identify and establish outcomes, goals and priorities
17 for services for children and youth, including
18 homeless children and youth, and the estimated costs
19 of implementing such goals and priorities,

20 b. show previous and current expenditures for state and
21 state-supported services to children and youth,
22 including homeless children and youth, which relate to
23 the outcomes identified in the State Plan,
24

- 1 c. include information concerning the availability and
2 accessibility of various human services, health,
3 mental health and education programs that serve
4 children and their families at the community level,
5 and, when applicable, establish a plan for developing
6 programs in areas of the state where the need for such
7 services exists,
- 8 d. include such other information or recommendations as
9 may be necessary and appropriate for the improvement
10 and coordinated development of the children, youth,
11 and family service system, and
- 12 e. be distributed as provided by paragraph 1 of this
13 section and shall be made available to the general
14 public.

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

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

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

22 2. Update the Oklahoma State Legislature on existing programs
23 to reduce child homelessness including, but not limited to, programs
24

1 administered or financed in whole or in part by any agency of this
2 state, nonprofit organizations or private-sector entities.

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

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

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

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

10 4. Existing services, resources, and capacity including, but
11 not limited to, the availability of publicly or privately provided
12 resources to children and youth who are homeless or at risk of
13 becoming homeless.

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

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

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

23

24

1 Passed the Senate the 25th day of February, 2015.

2
3 _____
4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2015.

7
8 _____
9 Presiding Officer of the House
10 of Representatives