

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1357

By: Goodwin of the House

and

Griffin and Pittman of the
Senate

An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act; requiring the Department of Human Services to work with certain groups; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act

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 3002.2 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Caregiver Support Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.3 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Human Services shall work with caregiver community groups across the state in a cost-neutral manner using existing resources to:

1. Support expansion of the number of locations in which services to caregivers are provided;

2. Ensure that such geographic locations include low-, mid- and high-economic-income areas in order to provide greater accessibility to caregivers; and

3. Provide that the locations to be selected shall include schools, city and county facilities in which no usage fee shall be charged.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.4 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Department of Human Services shall work with caregiver community groups across the state in a cost-neutral manner using existing resources to support awareness of:

1. Information to caregivers regarding available services;
2. Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to available services;
3. Individual counseling, support groups and caregiver training; and
4. Respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their caregiving responsibilities.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of March, 2017.

Ms. Harold Wright
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 18th day of April, 2017.

Eddie Field
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 19th
day of April, 20 17, at 2:19 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Lockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 25th
day of April, 20 17, at 3:11 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallin
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 25th
day of April, 20 17, at 5:31 o'clock P M.

By: [Signature]