

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3840 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill

Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Ajay Pittman

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3840

By: Pittman

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to mental health; establishing the  
9 Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives  
10 within Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and  
11 Substance Abuse Services; providing the purpose of  
12 the Office; providing for administration of the  
13 Office; requiring submission of reports to the  
14 Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and  
15 Speaker of the House; providing for codification; and  
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-160 of Title 43A, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 There is hereby established within the Oklahoma Department of  
22 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services the "Office of Faith-  
23 based and Community Initiatives", hereafter referred to as the  
24 "Office".

1           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-161 of Title 43A, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4           In order to maximize the effectiveness of state government  
5 through collaboration with faith-based and community initiatives to  
6 serve Oklahomans with respect to public purposes, such as improving  
7 public safety, overcoming addiction, strengthening families and  
8 communities, and overcoming poverty, the Office shall, to the extent  
9 permitted by law:

10           1. Promote and foster the development of relationships and  
11 coordination between state government and faith-based and community  
12 initiatives and serve as a resource for and liaison between state  
13 government and such initiatives;

14           2. Coordinate activities designed to mobilize public support  
15 for faith-based and community initiatives through volunteerism,  
16 special projects, and public-private partnerships;

17           3. Ensure that state government decisions and programs are  
18 consistent with the goal of partnering with faith-based and  
19 community initiatives when doing so is in the public interest, and  
20 monitor how such decisions and programs affect faith-based and  
21 community initiatives;

22           4. Work with state, local, and community policymakers,  
23 volunteers, and public officials to facilitate coordination with and  
24 empowerment of faith-based and other community organizations, where

1 doing so, would improve such groups' service to the communities  
2 involved; and

3 5. Showcase and herald successful and innovative faith-based  
4 and community organizations and civic initiatives.

5 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-162 of Title 43A, unless there  
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
9 Services shall carry out the training, engagement, and  
10 implementation of the Office of Faith-based and Community  
11 Initiatives.

12 B. The Office may enter into such contractual and promotional  
13 agreements necessary to maximize the effectiveness of state  
14 government through collaboration with faith-based and community  
15 initiatives to serve Oklahomans with respect to public purposes.

16 C. The Office may work with local governments, private  
17 organizations, and citizens as it plans and engages in activities  
18 related to the Office.

19 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-163 of Title 43A, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
23 Services shall annually submit to the Governor, the President Pro  
24 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the

1 Oklahoma House of Representatives, within ninety (90) days after the  
2 end of its fiscal year, a report setting forth its operation and  
3 accomplishments of the Office of Faith-based and Community  
4 Initiatives.

5 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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