

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3840

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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
Office; requiring submission of reports to the
13 Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
14 Speaker of the House; providing for codification; and
15 providing an effective date.

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

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

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