

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3840

By: Pittman of the House

and

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7 [mental health - Office of Faith-based and Community
8 Initiatives - Oklahoma Department of Mental Health
9 and Substance Abuse Services - reports -
10 codification - effective date]
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-161 of Title 43A, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 In order to maximize the effectiveness of state government
2 through collaboration with faith-based and community initiatives to
3 serve Oklahomans with respect to public purposes, such as improving
4 public safety, overcoming addiction, strengthening families and
5 communities, and overcoming poverty, the Office shall, to the extent
6 permitted by law:

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

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

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

19 4. Work with state, local, and community policymakers,
20 volunteers, and public officials to facilitate coordination with and
21 empowerment of faith-based and other community organizations, where
22 doing so, would improve such groups' service to the communities
23 involved; and

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1 5. Showcase and herald successful and innovative faith-based
2 and community organizations and civic initiatives.

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

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

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

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

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

20 The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
21 Services shall annually submit to the Governor, the President Pro
22 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the
23 Oklahoma House of Representatives, within ninety (90) days after the
24 end of its fiscal year, a report setting forth its operation and

1 accomplishments of the Office of Faith-based and Community
2 Initiatives.

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

4 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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9 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2024.

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