

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3840

By: Pittman of the House

and

Gollihare of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

24 There is hereby established within the Oklahoma Department of
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services the "Office of Faith-

1 based and Community Initiatives", hereafter referred to as the
2 "Office".

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 5. Showcase and herald successful and innovative faith-based
7 and community organizations and civic initiatives.

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

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

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

19 C. The Office may work with local governments, private
20 organizations, and citizens as it plans and engages in activities
21 related to the Office.

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

1 The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
2 Services shall annually submit to the Governor, the President Pro
3 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the
4 Oklahoma House of Representatives, within ninety (90) days after the
5 end of its fiscal year, a report setting forth its operation and
6 accomplishments of the Office of Faith-based and Community
7 Initiatives.

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

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10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/29/2024 -
11 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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