

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2686
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

HB 2686 creates the Oklahoma First Responder Mental Health Initiative Act, which gives first responders the right to behavioral health care. The measure requires first responders have full access to behavioral health care services without fear of repercussions by their employer.

First responders are also given the right to seek treatment in any location without restrictions imposed by their employer or insurance, to receive FMLA protections if they are voluntarily seeking treatment, to be diagnosed by a licensed professional, to be kept separate from other patients in behavioral health facilities to keep anonymity, to have full access to treatment for up to 36 months after retirement, and to have all records be kept confidential and not be used against them by their employer.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.