BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: HB 3231
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Research Analysis

House Bill 3231, as introduced, establishes the "Improving Employment and Education Outcomes for Homeless Youth Act," The measure outlines procedures for verifying the homelessness status of children and youth, specifically those under eighteen years of age, who are believed to be homeless. The process involves checks by designated individuals and agencies, including homeless shelters, transitional living programs, and public schools. Additionally, the measure includes provisions related to homeless children and youth under eighteen years old, allowing them to apply for a REAL ID Noncompliant Identification Card without the signature of their parent or legal guardian.

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Fiscal Analysis

After communication with Service Oklahoma, this measure is anticipated to have a recurring administrative cost of \$21,300.00, and a one time implementation cost of \$32,384.00.

HB 3231 would permit persons under the age of 18 who meet the new definition of homeless children and youth to obtain a Real ID Noncompliant state identification card without parental signature and at no cost. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, there are 3,871 homeless people in Oklahoma. A study from the City of Oklahoma City states that 11% of the homeless population are under the age of 24. While the percentage of the homeless population that is under the age of 18 is indeterminable, applying the 11% figure, there is an estimated 426 people that may be affected by this measure. The current cost of a Real ID Noncompliant state identification card is \$25.00 for a four-year credential and \$50.00 for an eight-year credential. This bill does not specify whether the applicant could obtain a four-year or eight-year credential. Based upon the eight-year credential and assuming that these individuals would not otherwise obtain a credential, there is an estimated administrative cost of \$21,300.00.

The costs for implementation are estimated at \$32,384.00.

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Other Considerations

None.

