

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3840
Version:	CS
Request Number:	10610
Author:	Rep. Pittman
Date:	3/6/2024
Impact:	ODMHSAS: \$500,000

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to House Bill 3840 establishes the "Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives" within the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The office is tasked with:

- Promoting relationships and coordination between state government and faith-based and community initiatives;
- Coordinating activities for public support through volunteerism, special projects, and public-private partnerships;
- Presenting ideas and policy options to the Governor for assisting, strengthening, expanding, or replicating successful initiatives;
- Ensuring state government decisions align with the goal of partnering with such initiatives and monitoring their impact;
- Facilitating coordination with and empowerment of faith-based and community organizations; and
- Showcasing successful faith-based and community initiatives.

The measure requires the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to submit an annual report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives within 90 days after the end of its fiscal year, setting forth its operation and accomplishments.

Prepared By: Matthew Brenchley

Fiscal Analysis

HB 3840 creates the "Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives" within the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) in effort to improve public safety, strengthen families, and overcome addiction and poverty within communities. ODMHSAS is responsible for implementing and administering the Office.

ODMHSAS estimates the department would need three (3) additional FTE to support the duties of the Office. These three positions would include one director and two program staff for a total estimated cost of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) per year. In addition, ODMHSAS is required to establish partnerships with the faith and community-based partners. The agency estimates an additional Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) would be needed to fulfill contracts with these entities. ODMHSAS would require additional appropriation to cover all costs. Therefore, the fiscal impact on the state budget due to the passing of this measure is Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000).

Prepared By: Alexandra Ladner, House Fiscal Staff

Other Considerations

None.

© 2024 Oklahoma House of Representatives, see Copyright Notice at www.okhouse.gov