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Research Analysis

Engrossed Senate Bill 1417 amends regulations regarding reimbursement for long-term care facilities overseen by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The measure allows for flexibility in pay-for-performance quality measures based on funding availability. Moreover, it instructs the Authority to shift the payment rate calculation method for nursing facilities to a price-based approach once the necessary data is accessible and analyzed. Additionally, the measure mandates the implementation of a scholarship initiative for nurse aides enrolled in licensed practical nursing programs.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1417 directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to use a price-based methodology when calculating the direct care rate component for nursing facilities. The direct care payment amount must be adjusted to reflect the resident case mix of each facility using a percentage of funds in the direct care pool, as determined by OHCA.

In addition, OHCA must establish a scholarship program for nursing students who are also nurse aides in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility or an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID). Since the program is subject to the availability of funds, OHCA does not anticipate a negative impact on the agency's budget. Therefore, in its current form, SB 1417 has no direct fiscal implications for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.