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Research Analysis

Engrossed Senate Bill 1701 establishes the "Oklahoma Standby Guardianship Act," which establishes a legal framework for the designation and approval of standby guardians for minor children in Oklahoma. It defines terms such as "designated standby guardian," "qualified parent," and "triggering event," outlining the circumstances under which a standby guardian may assume custody responsibilities. Parents can voluntarily designate a standby guardian through a written document, with the guardian's authority commencing upon the occurrence of specified events. The act also details procedures for the court's approval of standby guardians, including notice requirements and considerations for the child's best interests. Additionally, it provides mechanisms for the revocation of standby guardian authority and allows for court review of standby guardianship arrangements.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1701 creates the Oklahoma Standby Guardianship Act, and permits a parent to execute a written designation for standby guardianship at any time, which would transfer the authority of a parent to the designated guardian upon a triggering event in accordance with specifications included in the designation. A triggering event may occur as specified in such written designations or by court order. The measure further provides relevant petition deadline standards, and appointment procedures for alternate standby guardians.

In its current form, the measure does not mandate any action or expenditure by a state agency, rather it relates to written designation and judicial procedure for certain persons in the standby guardianship appointment process. Therefore, the measure is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.