

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 10, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 251

By: Gollihare

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6 An Act relating to mental health and substance abuse  
7 services; amending Section 4, Chapter 201, O.S.L.  
8 2023 (43A O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2-312.4), which  
9 relates to awards from the County Community Safety  
10 Investment Fund; expanding types of evidence-based  
11 services that qualify for funds; establishing minimum  
12 allocation for county government or multi-county  
13 partnership; updating statutory references; providing  
14 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 201, O.S.L.  
17 2023 (43A O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 2-312.4), is amended to read as  
18 follows:

19 Section 2-312.4. A. Subject to availability of funds under  
20 ~~Section 631 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ Section 2-312.1 of  
21 this title, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
22 Services shall annually issue a request for proposals by which  
23 county governments or multi-county partnerships may apply for funds  
24 for the development and implementation of evidence-based:

1. Mental health and substance abuse treatment programs or  
other health care programs provided in the community;

1           2.    Pretrial diversion programs, mental health and substance use  
2 jail intake screenings, or jail reentry programs;

3           3.    Employment programs;

4           4.    Education programs; or

5           5.    Housing programs.

6           B.    The request for proposals shall include, but not be limited  
7 to, the proposed services, number of individuals to be served by the  
8 proposed services or programs, and the manner in which the services  
9 or programs will partner with or be supported by local Department-  
10 contracted or -certified entities.

11          C.    For a proposal to be considered, the applying county  
12 government or multi-county partnership must submit all necessary  
13 documents to meet the requirements outlined in the request for  
14 proposals.

15          D.    The number of awards and funding amounts of each award shall  
16 be at the discretion of the Department and shall be based on total  
17 available funds, total county population, and the criteria in  
18 subsection B of this section. Each county government or multi-  
19 county partnership shall be allocated at least half of one percent  
20 (0.5%) of the total amount appropriated for the award cycle.

21          E.    The Department shall submit an annual report to the  
22 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives that includes the amount awarded to each county  
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1 government or multi-county partnership and a summary of services  
2 provided by each county government or multi-county partnership.

3 F. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
4 shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of ~~this act~~ this  
5 section and Sections 2-312.1, 2-312.2, and 2-312.3 of this title  
6 including, but not limited to, rules that set qualifications for  
7 programs eligible to receive funds under this section.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
14 February 10, 2025 - DO PASS

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