

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 483

By: Weaver of the Senate

4 and

5 Kerbs of the House

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9 An Act relating to county commissioners; authorizing
10 county commissioners to create certain relocation
11 assistance program; providing certain
12 ineligibilities; requiring contact with certain
13 persons; requiring certain attestation; clarifying
14 certain liability; defining term; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 391 of Title 19, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The board of county commissioners of any county of this
21 state shall have the authority to establish a relocation assistance
22 program. The board shall allow for the donation of private funds to
23 carry out the purposes of such program. Such program shall provide
24 an eligible participant who voluntarily elects to participate in the

1 program the opportunity to receive travel and relocation support
2 paid by the county to a destination where such participant has a
3 family member, employer, or other person who is willing to receive
4 and support the participant.

5 B. No individual shall be eligible for participation in a
6 relocation assistance program who:

7 1. Is on parole or probation, unless he or she has received
8 approval from his or her parole agent or probation officer and the
9 individual is authorized by law to move to a different jurisdiction;

10 2. Is unable to travel alone due to disability or because he or
11 she poses a direct risk to himself or herself or others;

12 3. Is not sober at the time when the individual will begin to
13 travel or is unable to abstain from drinking alcohol or using
14 illicit substances while traveling to his or her destination;

15 4. Has participated in a relocation assistance program within
16 this state within the previous two (2) years;

17 5. Is not a homeless person; or

18 6. Is a minor traveling with an adult, unless the adult is a
19 parent or guardian of the minor and the adult has photo
20 identification, a birth certificate, or other legal verification
21 proving that the adult is the minor's parent or guardian.

22 C. Before providing transportation to a destination, a county
23 commissioner or an employee of the county tasked with overseeing the
24 relocation assistance program shall make direct contact with the

1 family member, employer, or other person who is willing to receive
2 and support the individual participating in the program. The family
3 member, employer, or other person must attest that he or she is
4 willing to receive and support the individual, and the county
5 commissioner or employee shall document the attestation. Within
6 ninety (90) days following the date of the individual participating
7 in the program's departure, the county commissioner or employee
8 shall attempt to contact the participant to determine whether the
9 individual has retained housing.

10 D. A county that conducts a relocation assistance program shall
11 not be liable for any claims of injuries or damages.

12 E. As used in this section, "homeless person" means any person
13 or family who:

14 a. lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime
15 residence,

16 b. has as a primary nighttime residence a publicly or
17 privately operated shelter designed to provide
18 temporary living accommodations, or

19 c. has as a primary nighttime residence a public or
20 private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,
21 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

22 The term includes those persons and families who do not have
23 access to normal accommodations as a result of violence or the
24 threat of violence from a cohabitant.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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