BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 1581, as introduced, amends statute related to child abuse multidisciplinary teams which will be developed by each district attorney in each county. The lead agency for each team will be a certified child advocacy center or another qualified agency chosen by the district attorney will input and consent from the team members. The measure adds that the child abuse multidisciplinary teams will develop or adopt a written protocol for interviewing children involved in investigation and the use of child advocacy centers for forensic interviews, develop or adopt confidentiality statements and interagency agreements signed by member agencies that specify the cooperative effort to the team, develop expertise through training by being through a national accredited association of Children's Advocacy Centers or other resources as approved by the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Council, and adopt a standardized case review process. The measure provides that child abuse multidisciplinary teams will be reviewed by an identified as a nationally accredited association of Children's Advocacy Centers in partnership with the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Council. The measure removes the section that outlines how child advocacy centers are classified and provides that they are classified based on national accreditation status. The measure that monies are allocated to one functioning child multidisciplinary team each county. Oklahoma Human Services in partnership with a designated entity will disburse the contracted amount at the beginning of the calendar year. The measure authorizes an eligible entity to administer the CAMA fund. The measure establishes a new law that creates the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Council, an eight member council of which the measure provides membership and duties for. The measure repeals 10A O.S. 2021, Sections 1-9-103a and 1-9-103b and 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-227.9.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.