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Research Analysis

HB 1835, as introduced, adds a definition of *Oklahoma's Protection and Advocacy System* to the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act and the Nursing Home Care Act. The Department of Human Services must forward a copy of all initial reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult to Oklahoma's Protection and Advocacy System. After investigation, the findings must be forwarded to Oklahoma's Protection and Advocacy System and a report regarding reasonable cause to suspect that the death of a vulnerable adult may be abuse or neglect must be sent to Oklahoma's Protection and Advocacy System. Under the Nursing Home Care Act, initial written incident and situation reports must be mailed to and filed with the Department as well as Oklahoma's Protection and Advocacy System.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1835 modifies the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act and the Nursing Home Care Act, requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide reports of abuse or vulnerable adults to Oklahoma's Protection and Advocacy System.

Officials from DHS confirmed that the duties of the measure are attainable within the agency's current budgetary resources. Therefore, HB 1835 has no direct fiscal impact on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

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