

BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

HB 1911, as introduced, provides that the State of Oklahoma will designate the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to have primary oversight over the suicide prevention and crisis service activities and essential coordination with designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers. The oversight and coordination of a 988 Suicide and crisis Lifeline System will be achieved through infrastructure components covered in the measure. The measure outlines required information and reporting by the Department Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or 988 Lifeline Centers. That state will promulgate rules and regulations to allow appropriate information sharing and communication between and across crisis and emergency response systems. Related public health authorities and the Department of Menatl Health will also work to build and assure active collaborations. The designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers must meet requirements for serving at-risk and specialized populations. The state or related public health authority and designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers must also utilize technology to enhance communication and coordination and they must take action to identify and implement behavioral health crisis workforce strategies. The measure also requires the state to establish a statewide 988 Trust Fund and to establish a monthly statewide 988 telecommunications fee. The State must implement strategies to ensure that the behavioral health crisis service system is adequately funded.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1911 establishes the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline System, designating the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) as the primary oversight authority for suicide prevention and crisis service activities.

The measure imposes a monthly statewide 988 telecommunications fee to support and sustain the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline centers. Additionally, the measure creates the 988 Trust Fund, funded by revenue generated from the 988 fee, as well as appropriations from the Legislature, federal funds, grants, and earnings on the fund. The fund's purpose is to offset the administrative costs of implementing the 988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline System.

Therefore, the fiscal impact on ODMHSAS will depend on the revenue generated by the 988 telecommunications fee and the cost incurred by the agency to implement the provisions of the measure. However, in its current form, HB 1911 is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget, as the revenue generated by the 988 fee is expected to offset the agency's costs and no appropriation is being made to the 988 Trust Fund.

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Other Considerations

None.

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