BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The policy recommendation to HB 1934 creates the Jamie Lea Pearl Act. The measure establishes the requirements for a medical needs motor carrier to provide for the transportation of passengers and their baggage at little or no cost for nonemergency medical needs, including, but not limited to, dialysis, cancer treatments, prosthetics, pain management, and physical rehabilitation. A medical needs motor carrier may engage in the transportation of passengers and their baggage, by use of vehicles owned or leased by the company or vehicles owned or leased by drivers of the company. The measure requires every driver and vehicle to carry commercial insurance, have quarterly vehicle inspections, limit the number of hours a driver may work in a 24-hour period and retain records showing that all drivers have a five-year clean motor vehicle record, federal and state background checks, drug testing results and fingerprint cards.

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Fiscal Analysis

The policy recommendation to HB 1934 creates the Jamie Lea Pearl Act, establishing requirements for medical needs motor carriers. The measure tasks the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) with promulgating rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill. Per the OCC, the total estimated fiscal impact of this measure is Two Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$205,000), broken down as follows: eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for costs associated with the rulemakings required in the measure, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in developer costs to create the new license class in OCC's information systems, and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for approximately 0.25 FTE for auditing of this new classification.

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Other Considerations

None.

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