Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 424 creates the Oklahoma Community Health Worker Act. The measure directs the State Department of Health to establish a certificate for community health workers. Such workers may serve as a liaison between health and social services and the community, assist in identifying gaps in current community and health care resources, and build capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency. The Commissioner shall promulgate rules establishing standards, criteria, and testing relating to such certification. The measure requires any person applying for certification to be at least 18 years of age, a United States Citizen, a resident of the state, and meet the minimum qualifications promulgated by the State Commissioner of Health.

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