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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 voluntary certificate program for community health workers. Such workers may serve as a liaison between health and social services and the community, assist individuals in obtaining employment and education, assist in identifying gaps in current community and health care resources, and build capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency. The measure directs such workers to emphasize available resources of private, nonprofit, or faith-based organizations. 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. The State Commissioner shall also implement oversight procedures.

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