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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 424 creates the "Oklahoma Community Health Worker Act," which directs the State Department of Health to establish a voluntary certificate for community health workers. A certified community health worker may take on the duties listed in the measure. In carrying out functions described, community health workers must emphasize available resources of private, nonprofit, or faith-based organization and must not solely rely on public assistance for delivery of services. Individuals eligible for this certification must be Oklahoma residents who are citizens or lawful permanent residents, at least 18, and meet the minimum qualifications for certification. The State Commissioner of Health will promulgate rules necessary for implementation.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 424 directs the State Department of Health (OSDH) to establish a certificate for community health workers to serve as a liaison between health and social services and the community. OSDH is to promulgate rules as necessary to implement the Oklahoma Community Health Worker Act. OSDH does not anticipate a fiscal impact to the agency; therefore, SB 424 will have no direct impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.