

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 483

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to county commissioners; authorizing county commissioners to create certain relocation assistance program; providing certain ineligibilities; requiring contact with certain persons; requiring certain attestation; clarifying certain liability; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 391 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The board of county commissioners of any county of this state shall have the authority to establish a relocation assistance program. The board shall allow for the donation of private funds to carry out the purposes of such program. Such program shall provide an eligible participant who voluntarily elects to participate in the program the opportunity to receive travel and relocation support paid by the county to a destination where such participant has a family member, employer, or other person who is willing to receive and support the participant.

1 B. No individual shall be eligible for participation in a  
2 relocation assistance program who:

3 1. Is on parole or probation, unless he or she has received  
4 approval from his or her parole agent or probation officer and the  
5 individual is authorized by law to move to a different jurisdiction;

6 2. Is unable to travel alone due to disability or because he or  
7 she poses a direct risk to himself or herself or others;

8 3. Is not sober at the time when the individual will begin to  
9 travel or is unable to abstain from drinking alcohol or using  
10 illicit substances while traveling to his or her destination;

11 4. Has participated in a relocation assistance program within  
12 this state within the previous two (2) years;

13 5. Is not a homeless person; or

14 6. Is a minor traveling with an adult, unless the adult is a  
15 parent or guardian of the minor and the adult has photo  
16 identification, a birth certificate, or other legal verification  
17 proving that the adult is the minor's parent or guardian.

18 C. Before providing transportation to a destination, a county  
19 commissioner or an employee of the county tasked with overseeing the  
20 relocation assistance program shall make direct contact with the  
21 family member, employer, or other person who is willing to receive  
22 and support the individual participating in the program. The family  
23 member, employer, or other person must attest that he or she is  
24 willing to receive and support the individual, and the county

1 commissioner or employee shall document the attestation. Within  
2 ninety (90) days following the date of the individual participating  
3 in the program's departure, the county commissioner or employee  
4 shall attempt to contact the participant to determine whether the  
5 individual has retained housing.

6 D. A county that conducts a relocation assistance program shall  
7 not be liable for any claims of injuries or damages.

8 E. As used in this section, "homeless person" means any person  
9 or family who:

10 a. lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime  
11 residence,

12 b. has as a primary nighttime residence a publicly or  
13 privately operated shelter designed to provide  
14 temporary living accommodations, or

15 c. has as a primary nighttime residence a public or  
16 private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,  
17 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

18 The term includes those persons and families who do not have  
19 access to normal accommodations as a result of violence or the  
20 threat of violence from a cohabitant.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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