

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 2248

By: Waldron

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to mental health; creating the rural
8 mental health and treatment diversion pilot programs;
9 providing purpose; authorizing the Department of
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to enter
into certain contracts; providing for promulgation of
rules; providing for codification; and providing an
10 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1000 of Title 43A, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Contingent upon funding, the Department of Mental Health and
18 Substance Abuse Services shall develop and implement rural mental
19 health and treatment diversion pilot programs. The purpose of the
20 rural mental health and treatment diversion pilot programs shall be
21 to divert individuals with mental health issues from the criminal
22 justice system and into appropriate treatment programs.

1 B. The Department is authorized to enter into contracts to
2 implement the rural mental health and treatment diversion pilot
3 programs of this section.

4 C. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
5 Board shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement the
6 provisions of this section.

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