HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE BILL 2753

By: Miller of the House

and

Weaver of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S. 2021, Section 10-111.1, which relates to vulnerable adult abuse, neglect and exploitation; providing that the Office of the Attorney General maintain a registry; providing that certain information be made available to the public; providing information that shall be included in the registry; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2021, Section 10-111.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 10-111.1 A. On or before January 1, 2019 2024, the Office of the Attorney General shall promulgate rules to establish and maintain the Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Report Registry, accessible to the public on the Internet in an
1. A procedure for recording individuals on the registry who have been found guilty by a court of law or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult; and

2. Disclosure requirements for information that is accessible on the registry.

B. The Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Registry shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The full name of the individual;
2. Information necessary to identify the individual;
3. A description of the findings of abuse, neglect or exploitation by a court of law; and
4. The date the individual was listed on the registry.

B. The report created in subsection A of this section shall be maintained by the Office of the Attorney General and shall include a list of defendants who have been prosecuted by the Office of the Attorney General and have been found guilty by a court of law for abuse, exploitation or neglect of elderly or vulnerable adults in the preceding twelve (12) months. The report shall be provided to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate on an annual basis beginning January 31, 2019. The report shall include, but not be limited to:
1. The name of the defendant;
2. The crime for which the defendant was convicted;
3. A description of the findings of abuse, neglect or exploitation by the Office of the Attorney General, including the circumstances surrounding the abuse;
4. The date of conviction or the date that a plea of guilty or nolo contendere was accepted by the court;
5. The relationship of the defendant to the victim; and
6. The county where the offense or offenses occurred.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES AND LONG-TERM CARE, dated 02/28/2023 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.