

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2877
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	6216
Author:	Wallace
Date:	2/25/2021
Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

HB 2877 as introduced, authorizes peace officers to use telemedicine to have someone assessed by a licensed mental health professional when they believe a person is requiring treatment.

The measure specifies that peace officers are responsible for transporting persons in need of mental health services to the nearest facility within 30 miles of the department headquarters. Peace officers, or their agency, are also responsible for any subsequent transportation within a 30-mile radius.

Officers are responsible for immediately transporting medically stable persons in need of emergency care to the nearest urgent recovery clinic or nearest facility within a 30-mile radius or may use telemedicine.

If there is not a facility within 30 miles, the transportation of the individual becomes the responsibility of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS). The ODMHSAS is authorized to enter into lawful agreements with any other law enforcement agencies to fulfill these requirements.

The measure clarifies that a municipal law enforcement agency is responsible for the transportation of individuals within the municipality's jurisdiction. County sheriffs are responsible for the transportation of individuals outside of the municipality, but within the county.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.