

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: 6/18/2025

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Developmental Screenings

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

According to America's Health Rankings, Oklahoma currently ranks 31st in the percentage of children ages 9-35 months whose parents completed a standardized developmental screening in the past 12 months.

Developmental screenings play a critical role in identifying potential delays or disabilities in young children. Early identification allows for timely interventions, connecting families to resources and services that can significantly improve a child's long-term developmental, educational, and social outcomes.

This interim study will explore strategies to increase access to developmental screenings for Oklahoma children, especially in the crucial early years before they start school. The study will examine:

- Barriers to accessing screenings for families
- Opportunities for collaboration with state agencies, healthcare providers, childcare providers, and community organizations
- Gaps in services after children are screened
- Policy and funding opportunities to expand access and follow-up services

This study will engage state agencies, healthcare professionals, and community-based organizations to develop actionable recommendations ensuring that every Oklahoma child receives the screenings and services they need to thrive.

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