

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: June 26, 2026

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Maximizing the Effectiveness of the County Community Safety Investment Fund (CCSIF)

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

The County Community Safety Investment Fund (CCSIF) was created as a result of the 2016 passage of State Questions 780 and 781, which lowered from a felony to a misdemeanor nonviolent, lower-level property and drug crimes. The legislature was to have put the savings from not incarcerating these offenders into programs that instead could direct them to more effective programs for rehabilitation – drug courts, mental health courts and diversion programs that mandated treatment, counseling and a host of other endeavors.

After several years of disagreement on what actually constituted “savings” and how to calculate it, that issue has been resolved. But the question remains -- is the CCSIF program, currently administered by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Drug Abuse Services, working as effectively as it was intended? Are there changes that could be made that would increase its efficiency and effectiveness? How can we expand best practices in the programs it is supposed to fund to maximize public safety in counties well beyond the metro areas? How should we be braiding different funding streams to ensure behavioral and substance abuse help, core underlying issues in public safety, is adequate?

The objective of this interim study would be to explore these topics in depth to identify actions to step up the effectiveness in public safety outcomes with critical stakeholders – administrators of alternative court systems, diversion programs, and CCSIF, law enforcement, legislators, and state and national policy experts.

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