Research Analysis

Senate Amendments to HB 1270 require the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to contract with an independent vendor(s) to verify aspects of an individual’s initial eligibility for Medicaid and to report information quarterly that might affect recipients’ continued eligibility. (These provisions do not apply to individuals eligible under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982-TEFRA and those with intellectual disabilities receiving Home and Community Based Medicaid waiver services.) The contracted service must result in annualized savings that exceed the annual cost of the contract. Finally, the measure requires applicants to complete an identity authentication process.

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Fiscal Analysis

Section 1, Sub-section E of HB 1270 stipulates that any contract entered under this subsection shall establish annualized savings that exceed the contract’s total annual cost to the state.

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Other Considerations

From the Oklahoma Health Care Authority:

OHCA does all data check in the bill except for incarceration status.
   a. We can work with DOC on obtaining a data feed outside of this bill
   b. Incarcerated adults/kids can’t receive Medicaid benefits so there is not cost savings to this data source. Incarcerated individuals can count in a tax household. Today you can file taxes as married filing jointly and one of the spouses in incarcerated.