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Okla. Gov. Fallin Signs Welfare Drug Testing Bill  
Certain Oklahoma welfare recipients could  
be subjected to drug tests under a bill signed into law by Governor  
Mary Fallin.

The bill was one of a dozen measures Fallin signed late  
Wednesday.

The measure authorizes the Department of Human Services to  
conduct drug tests on welfare applicants if they have a reasonable  
suspicion the person is using drugs. The proposed law applies to  
the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or TANF, which  
serves more than 20,000 Oklahomans each month.

An earlier version of the bill would have required all TANF  
recipients to take and pay for a drug test before receiving  
benefits, but the measure was scaled back in the Senate.

Fallin also vetoed a bill Wednesday that would have exempted the  
Oklahoma Military Department from certain purchasing requirements.

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