

1           **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                           STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                           1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5   FOR  
6   HOUSE BILL NO. 2332

  By: Branham of the House

  and

**Smalley** and **Hicks** of the  
8   Senate

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10   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11           An Act relating to children; enacting the Model  
12           Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019; directing the  
13           Department of Human Services to create certain pilot  
14           program; providing for compensation of program  
15           participants; directing Department to create  
16           administrative position; providing for compensation  
17           of position; creating the Successful Future Alumni  
18           Revolving Fund; providing for deposits and  
19           expenditures of fund; providing for coordination with  
20           the Commissioner of Labor; requiring submission of  
21           certain annual report; providing for promulgation of  
22           rules; defining terms; permitting youth to receive  
23           extended foster care services; setting age  
24           limitation; authorizing Department of Human Services  
          to provide extended services; listing eligibility  
          requirements; stating voluntary nature of services;  
          requiring Department to notify youth if services are  
          terminated for failure to meet eligibility; directing  
          Department to secure federal funding for services;  
          delegating rulemaking authority to Department to  
          implement provisions; providing for codification; and  
          providing an effective date.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-113 of Title 10A, unless  
4 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Model  
6 Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019".

7 B. Pursuant to the Model Successful Future Alumni Act of 2019,  
8 the Department of Human Services shall create a pilot program to  
9 improve socioeconomic outcomes for children in the custody of the  
10 Department. The pilot program shall:

11 1. Provide cost-effective, in-house employment opportunities to  
12 children in Department custody or those who were in custody;

13 2. Recruit and train program participants to be effective  
14 Department advocates for social services, while providing program  
15 participants with self-motivation to be successful and independent  
16 through employment opportunities in the Department; and

17 3. Increase employment rates, decrease the likelihood of  
18 homelessness, and assist children in foster care to effectively  
19 advocate for themselves and others.

20 C. Subject to the availability of funds, the Department shall  
21 provide compensation to program participants currently or formerly  
22 in foster care who are employed by the Department.

23 D. The Department shall create at least one new administrative  
24 position to implement the purposes of this section, which shall not

1 be subject to the current Department pay scale, and the compensation  
2 provided shall be no less than the federal minimum wage.

3 E. There is hereby created in the State Treasury for the  
4 Department of Human Services a revolving fund known as the  
5 "Successful Future Alumni Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a  
6 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall  
7 consist of monies collected through tax credits and deductions not  
8 to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and One Hundred  
9 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) respectively, and any other monies.  
10 The combined total of tax credits and deductions for the revolving  
11 fund shall not exceed Six Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Eight  
12 Hundred Twelve Dollars and fifty cents (\$697,812.50) per year. The  
13 fund shall be used by the Department to provide training, support,  
14 compensation, supplies, clothing, accommodations or modifications,  
15 or any other necessities for the purposes of this section.  
16 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the  
17 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
18 Department of Human Services for approval and payment.

19 F. The Department of Human Services shall coordinate with the  
20 Commissioner of Labor to provide opportunities for gainful  
21 employment of program participants, giving preference to program  
22 participants with disabilities.

23 G. The Department shall submit an annual report of the pilot  
24 program outcomes and achievements to the Children, Youth and Family

1 Services Committee of the House of Representatives by December 31 of  
2 each year.

3 H. The Department shall promulgate rules to implement the  
4 provisions of this section.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-114 of Title 10A, unless  
7 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. As used in this section:

9 1. "Foster care services" means services or programs that may  
10 include but are not limited to housing, transitional or independent  
11 living, crisis intervention, case supervision, job placement,  
12 educational or vocational placement, training, counseling, early  
13 intervention and diversionary substance abuse treatment, sexual  
14 abuse treatment and other related services and programs; and

15 2. "Youth" means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years  
16 of age but less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

17 B. A youth who:

18 1. Exited foster care after reaching eighteen (18) years of  
19 age; or

20 2. Is in foster care when reaching eighteen (18) years of age,  
21 may reenter or remain in foster care and receive extended foster  
22 care services until twenty-one (21) years of age.

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1 C. The Department of Human Services may provide extended foster  
2 care services if the youth meets one of the following conditions for  
3 eligibility:

4 1. The youth is completing secondary education or a program  
5 leading to an equivalent credential;

6 2. The youth is enrolled in an institution that provides  
7 postsecondary or vocational education;

8 3. The youth is participating in a program or activity designed  
9 to promote employment or remove barriers to employment;

10 4. The youth is employed for at least eighty (80) hours per  
11 month; or

12 5. The youth is incapable of doing any part of the activities  
13 described in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection due to a  
14 medical condition. An assertion of incapacity pursuant to this  
15 paragraph shall be supported by regularly updated information in the  
16 case plan of the youth.

17 D. Extended foster care services are voluntary and a youth may  
18 choose to stop receiving the services at any time. If the  
19 Department determines that the youth no longer meets the eligibility  
20 requirements provided in subsection C of this section for extended  
21 foster care services, the Department shall provide written or  
22 electronic notice to the youth regarding termination of the extended  
23 foster care services.

24 E. The Department shall:

1           1. Secure funding from and implement the provisions of this  
2 section in accordance with the approved Title IV-E State Plan; and

3           2. Promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions  
4 of this section.

5           SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY  
8 SERVICES, dated 02/21/2019 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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