

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2351

By: Talley and Lawson of the  
House

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4 Stanley of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to children and the juvenile code;  
9 amending 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-4-703, which  
10 relates to investigation of home conditions;  
11 requiring a court hearing; instructing the court to  
12 assess report and make certain determinations; and  
13 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-4-703, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1-4-703. A. After a petition has been filed, the court  
18 may order the child to be examined and evaluated by a physician or  
19 other appropriate professional to aid the court in making the proper  
20 disposition concerning the child. The court may order a behavioral  
21 health evaluation of a child as provided by the Inpatient Mental  
22 Health and Substance Abuse Treatment of Minors Act.

23 B. After adjudication and at the request of a judge in any  
24 juvenile proceeding, the Department of Human Services shall  
investigate the home conditions and environment of the child and the

1 financial ability, occupation and earning capacity of the parent,  
2 legal guardian or custodian of the child. Upon request by the court  
3 of another state, the Department may conduct a similar  
4 investigation.

5 C. Within sixty (60) days of the start of each placement of a  
6 child in a qualified residential treatment program as defined in  
7 Section 1-1-105 of this title, the court shall conduct a hearing to:

8 1. Consider the assessment, determination and documentation  
9 made by the qualified individual conducting the assessment and  
10 submitted as part of the Department's written report;

11 2. Determine whether the needs of the child can be met through  
12 placement in a foster family home or, if not, determine whether  
13 placement of the child in a qualified residential treatment program  
14 provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the  
15 child in the least restrictive environment;

16 3. Determine whether the child's current placement is  
17 consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child, as  
18 specified in the permanency plan for the child; and

19 4. Approve or disapprove the placement.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2021.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House  
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5 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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