1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)
4	HOUSE BILL 2495 By: Banz of the House
5	and
6	Fry of the Senate
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9	AS INTRODUCED
10	[foster care - permitting youth to receive extended
11	foster care services from the Department of Human
12	Services - directing Department to secure federal
13	funding for services - effective date]
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
18	SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-8-112 of Title 10A, unless
20	there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
21	A. As used in this section,
22	1. "Foster care services" means services or programs that may
23	include but are not limited to housing, transitional or independent
24	living, crisis intervention, case supervision, job placement,

- educational or vocational placement, training, counseling, early intervention and diversionary substance abuse treatment, sexual abuse treatment, and other related services and programs; and
 - 2. "Youth" means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age but less than twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 6 B. A youth who:

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- 7 1. Exited foster care after reaching eighteen (18) years of 8 age; or
 - 2. Is in foster care when reaching eighteen (18) years of age, may reenter or remain in foster care and receive extended foster care services until twenty-one (21) years of age.
 - C. The Department of Human Services may provide extended foster care services if the youth meets one of the following conditions for eligibility:
 - 1. The youth is completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential;
 - 2. The youth is enrolled in an institution that provides postsecondary or vocational education;
 - 3. The youth is participating in a program or activity designed to promote employment or remove barriers to employment;
 - 4. The youth is employed for at least eighty (80) hours per month; or
 - 5. The youth is incapable of doing any part of the activities described in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection due to a

1	medical condition. An assertion of incapacity pursuant to this
2	paragraph shall be supported by regularly updated information in the
3	case plan of the youth.
4	D. Extended foster care services are voluntary and a youth may
5	choose to stop receiving the services at any time. If the
6	Department determines that the youth no longer meets the eligibility
7	requirements provided in subsection C of this section for extended
8	foster care services, the Department shall provide written or
9	electronic notice to the youth regarding termination of the extended
10	foster care services.
11	E. The Department shall:
12	1. Secure funding from and implement the provisions of this
13	section in accordance with the state's approved Title IV-E State
14	Plan; and
15	2. Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the
16	provisions of this section.
17	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.
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19	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 02/18/2016 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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