

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 493

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to foster care placement; amending
8 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-7-107, which relates to
9 sibling placement; requiring certain report;
10 providing contents of report; and providing an
11 effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-7-107, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-7-107. A. When two or more children in foster care
16 are siblings, every reasonable attempt should be made to place them
17 in the same home. In making a permanent placement, such children
18 should be placed in the same permanent home or, if the siblings are
19 separated, should be allowed contact or visitation with other
20 siblings; provided, however, the best interests of each sibling
21 shall be the standard for determining whether they should be placed
22 in the same foster placement or permanent placement, or allowed
23 contact or visitation with other siblings.

1 B. Beginning January 1, 2016, the Department of Human Services
2 shall submit a report annually to the President Pro Tempore of the
3 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives describing
4 the number of households in this state containing a child adopted
5 through the Department and at least one foster child or foster
6 children who are siblings of the adopted child. Such report may
7 contain recommendations to the Legislature on methods to encourage
8 kinship placement in this state.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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