

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 1545

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to foster care; permitting children
8 to remain in foster custody under certain
9 circumstances; providing certain construction;
10 directing promulgation of rules; providing for
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-124 of Title 10A, unless
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The Department of Human Services shall permit a child in
17 foster care to designate their foster family as their legal guardian
18 upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age.

19 B. A foster family may choose to continue legal guardianship of
20 a child in its care upon the child reaching eighteen (18) years of
21 age; provided, nothing in this section shall be construed as to
22 permit the continuation of payments by the Department to the foster
23 parent or foster family beyond the child reaching eighteen (18)
24 years of age.

1 C. The Department shall promulgate rules to implement the
2 provisions of this section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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