

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 493

By: Brooks

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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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