

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 73

By: Standridge

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Department of Human Services;  
8 creating the Foster Parent Accountability Act of  
9 2015; providing short title; requiring parents of  
10 certain foster children to submit quarterly reports  
11 to the Department; providing scope of reports;  
12 directing certain personnel to keep certain records;  
13 providing certain exemption; directing Department to  
14 promulgate and adopt rules; requiring certain reports  
15 to be submitted to Legislature; providing for  
16 codification; and providing an effective date.

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 1-9-107.1 of Title 10A, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Foster Parent  
22 Accountability Act of 2015".

23 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-107.2 of Title 10A, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning November 1, 2015, foster parents in this state  
having custody of a child age fifteen (15) years or older shall be

1 required to submit quarterly reports on transitional plans for  
2 children in their custody to the Department of Human Services.  
3 Transitional reports shall include, but not be limited to, the  
4 child's understanding of health maintenance, housing, postsecondary  
5 educational options, employment opportunities, acquisition of  
6 essential documents such as Social Security cards and state  
7 identification cards, and interpersonal communication skills.

8       B. Child welfare specialists shall keep a record of annual  
9 transition plans submitted by foster parents and ensure that such  
10 records are delivered to the Department. It shall be the duty of  
11 child welfare supervisors to ensure that child welfare specialists  
12 submit transition plans in a timely manner. The provisions of this  
13 subsection shall not apply to therapeutic foster care caseworkers.

14       C. The Department of Human Services shall promulgate and adopt  
15 rules for the provisions of this section.

16       SECTION 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-9-107.3 of Title 10A, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19       The Department of Human Services shall submit annual reports on  
20 the implementation of the provisions of this act to the Chair and  
21 Vice Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the  
22 Chair and Vice Chair of the House of Representatives Human Services  
23 Committee. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to, the  
24 number of foster parents complying with the reports required by this

1 act and the Department's administrative actions against foster  
2 parents willfully not in compliance with this act.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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