

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 1293

By: Griffin of the Senate

and

Nelson and Pittman of the  
House

An Act relating to the Office of Juvenile Affairs; amending Section 2, Chapter 129, O.S.L. 2013 (10A O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 2-7-614), which relates to foster care licensing; transferring certain licensing standards from Board of Juvenile Affairs to Office of Juvenile Affairs; amending Section 3, Chapter 129, O.S.L. 2013 (10A O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 2-7-615), which relates to contract requirements; removing certain required information; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Foster care

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 129, O.S.L. 2013 (10A O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 2-7-614), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-7-614. A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no child in the custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall be placed with any foster placement unless the foster placement meets licensing standards as required by rules promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Affairs and the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act and is otherwise approved for foster care by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for children within its custody.

B. Except as otherwise provided by this section, no person shall receive a child for foster care or provide foster care services to a child unless such person meets licensing standards as required by the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act and rules promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Affairs, and is otherwise approved by the ~~Board~~ Office of Juvenile Affairs for children within its custody.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 129, O.S.L. 2013 (10A O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 2-7-615), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-7-615. A. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall enter into a written contract with the foster care placement provider. The contract shall provide, at a minimum:

1. That the Office of Juvenile Affairs shall have access at all times to the child and to the foster placement;

2. A listing of any specific requirements, specific duties or restrictions in providing foster care services;

3. That any foster child shall have access to and be accessible by any court-appointed special advocate for the foster child and the foster child's attorney;

4. That any foster care placement provider shall comply with performance standards required pursuant to the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act and rules promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Affairs;

5. Information regarding the amount of payment to be made for foster care services, including but not limited to a description of the process involved in receiving payment, including projected time frames, information related to reimbursements for eligible costs and expenses for which the foster parent may be reimbursed and any information concerning the accessibility and availability of funds for foster parents;

6. Except as provided in this section, the Office of Juvenile Affairs may remove a child in its custody from a foster placement whenever the agency determines that removal is in the best interests

of the child or consistent with the state's interest in the protection of the public; and

7. Such other information required by the Office of Juvenile Affairs.

B. The Office of Juvenile Affairs shall provide the following information to the foster parent at the time of placement, along with a copy of the written contract required pursuant to subsection A of this section:

1. The names and telephone numbers of the child's caseworkers;

2. A copy of applicable policy and procedures of the Office of Juvenile Affairs as pertaining to placement operations as established by the Office of Juvenile Affairs;

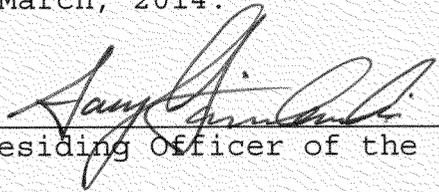
3. The name and telephone number of any foster parent association in the county of residence of the foster parent; and

4. A copy of the statement of foster parent rights, ~~and~~

~~5. A copy of any applicable policies and procedures of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, which pertain to placement operations of the Office of Juvenile Affairs.~~

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2014.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of April, 2014.

  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

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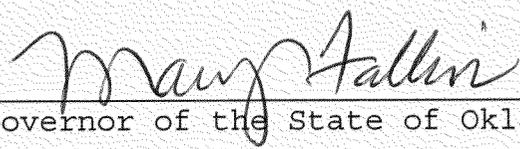
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