

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2164

By: Roach

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 1991, Section 60.27, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 60.27), which relates to subsidized adoptions; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 1991, Section 60.27, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 297, O.S.L. 1996 (10 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 60.27), is amended to read as follows:

Section 60.27 A. The Department of Human Services shall establish and administer an ongoing program of subsidized adoption. Subsidies and services for children who are in the permanent custody of the Department ~~of Human Services~~ under this program shall be provided out of funds appropriated to the Department ~~of Human Services~~ for the maintenance of children in foster care or made available to it from other sources.

B. Children who are in the court-ordered custody of a licensed private nonprofit child-placing agency or federally recognized Indian tribe, as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act,

shall receive subsidies and services from funds appropriated by the Legislature.

C. The Department ~~of Human Services~~ will set as a goal for each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year which begins on October 1, 1983, that there will be a maximum of forty-five percent (45%) of all children in foster care who will remain in foster care for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) months.

D. The Department ~~of Human Services~~ shall participate in adoption subsidies, foster care review boards, reunification services and protective services to achieve this goal.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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