

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 991

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An Act relating to children; amending 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7202.4, which relates to placement of child in foster home; requiring increased supports and incentives for certain purpose; requiring certain coordination with specified entities; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10 O.S. 2001, Section 7202.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7202.4 A. No person except:

1. The parent or parents of the child involved;
2. A relative, related to the child within the third degree, having legal custody thereof;
3. The legal guardian of such child, duly authorized thereto by the court by which the guardian was appointed;
4. The Department or a child-placing agency, if the child has been voluntarily placed with the Department or child-placing agency by the parent or legal guardian; or
5. The Department or a child-placing agency, if care and custody of the child have been given to the Department or child-placing agency by order of judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, shall place or offer to place a child for care in a foster home without securing the consent of the court.

B. The Department of Human Services is hereby directed to increase supports and incentives for foster, kinship and adoptive families designed to keep siblings together upon placement in such

families. The Department shall further coordinate with community-based organizations to provide training and other services.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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